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LATEST OUTRAGE.

The forcible detention of a British vessel, the s.s. Taming, the only steamer of the China Navigation Company's fleet trading between Hongkong, Hoihow and Haiphong, is the latest outrage of officials under Cantonese direction, and at present, reasons for the action are unknown.

The incident occurred at Hoihow, for which port the Taming left on Thursday last week, with a large cargo and a number of passengers. Cantonese troops invaded Hainan Island recently, and have taken possession of the city of Hoihow, and it is stated in a message received to-day by a French Consular official that it is Government action which is responsible for the detention.

The news was received in a wireless message sent by one of the Taming's passengers, who with others was transferred to the s.s. Hanol, a French vessel operated by the Messageries Maritimes, which followed the Taming into Hoihow. The ship, he says, has been detained, and of course, it follows that her British officers are still on board.

Curiously enough the local agents, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, have so far had no news concerning the incident, though there is some confirmation in the fact that the Taming was due to leave Hoihow for Haiphong on Monday afternoon, and had she cleared according to schedule, she would have reached Haiphong yesterday.

A Telegraph representative was this morning informed that the Taming had a large cargo on board and she might possibly have been late in discharging, but the more pessimistic view seems the right one in view of the cable before mentioned.

The Taming, which is commanded by Capt. T. Lupton, was the vessel which carried our former Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, on his trip to Indo-China. She is a fairly old ship, of 2,220 gross, built in 1903 at Greenock to the order of the China Navigation Company. She is about three hundred feet in length, has a beam of some forty feet and is 20.6 feet in depth.

The lack of fuller information is due to the absence of telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Hoihow. The only means of communication is by letter and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire received a letter from their agents, stating that the vessel would leave on Monday. That she did not do so is evident, since telegraphic advice would have been received here of her arrival at Haiphong.

GERMAN MILITARISM.

REFORMS NOT CARRIED OUT.

Paris, Jan. 26.

French official circles attach much importance to the revelation in the report of the Inter-Allied Control Committee that Germany has done nothing to carry out the reforms in the military organizations and police transformation of which the Allies insist before the military control of Germany passed into the hands of the League.

A German semi-official statement, denying the assertion, says disarmament has been so vigorously prosecuted during the past months that a settlement of the majority of the points has already been concluded or is approaching

COPING WITH BANDIT EVIL.

PROTECTING CANTON- KOWLOON RAILWAY.

NEW PATROL SCHEME.

Since the vigorous measures taken for the prevention and suppression of banditry in the East River district, which have resulted in such notorious leaders as Yuen Hui-kow, Yuen Moy-che, Poon On and others having taken flight, there has been a marked decrease in the frequency of piratical raids and depredations in that locality. There are, however, still large bands of bandits infesting the districts on the lower reach of the East River, especially near the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

In order to give better protection to the railway the route has now been divided into two sections. The first section, which is from Tai-sha-tau to Shek Lung, is under patrol of the 16th Division, formerly the 1st Independent Division under General Wu Te-ching, whilst the second section, from Shek Lung to Shum Chun, has the 2nd Division, under General Wong Kung-mow, to patrol it. General Tan Che-hing will be in command of the two sections, with headquarters at Shek Lung.

Within a radius of twenty miles of Shek Lung, where piracy is most frequent, extra guards are being put on to ensure safety to passengers travelling by launch ferries to and from the railway stations. These measures are said to have given much relief and satisfaction to the inhabitants.

The Kuomintang has issued a circular notice to all unions, associations, societies and corporations to elect delegates to attend a meeting to be held on the 1st February, for the purpose of devising means for the suppression of banditry and the economic betterment of the people. It is felt that these questions cover so wide a range that except with the full co-operation of the people it will not be possible to carry out any scheme which will yield permanent results.

RAILWAY ROBBERIES.

TROOPS FIGHT WITH BANDITS.

Following the report of the robbery committed on the No. 3 down train from Shikwan to Canton, on the 23rd instant, it is reported that another case of robbery also took place on the No. 2 up express at a place near Ma-Par station on the same day. In this case, it is said, General Tai Ngo, of the 2nd Division of the 2nd Army Corps, was a passenger, having with him a company of soldiers. The express train was derailed near Ma-Par, the rails having been previously taken up by bandits, but no serious damage was caused.

Following this happening, the company of soldiers was ordered to take up positions on both sides of the railway line and give battle to the bandits. The result was that the bandits were defeated, about twenty being killed, whilst only slight injuries were suffered by a few of the troops.

INDO-CHINA'S GOVERNOR.

M. VARENNE'S MISSION.

Paris, Jan. 26.

In the course of a meeting of Ministers, the Minister for the Colonies signed a decree renewing the temporary mission of M. Varenne as Governor General of Indo-China.

The Minister also made known his intention of obtaining a decree again uniting the Colonial Academy of Science to the Ministry of Colonies.

TERRIBLE TALE.

KWANGTUNG VILLAGES IN RUINS.

WORK OF BANDITS.

A report sent to Canton by student propagandists attached to the 4th Army Corp describes the terrible condition of the districts around Luichow, as the result of depredations by brigands prior to the fall of the city to the Canton Army.

The report says that from An Poo to the city of Luichow, for sixty miles, with the exception of Yuet Sing Market, is one long stretch of barren ground with heaps of ruins where once were quiet and prosperous villages. From Nam Hing to Ying Lee no sign of life is to be seen. Ying Lee, previously was one of the largest and most prosperous market centres of the Chu Man district, now a ruin, with not a single soul living there. It is said that this market centre was pillaged and burnt, and hundreds of men, women and children were kidnapped by a large band of brigands. From Ying Lee to Chu Man city, the same horrible state of desolation exists, with only burnt ruins of villages. On this route dozens of human skeletons can be seen.

Proceeding further on to the Hoi On district, where there was formerly a population of over ten thousand souls, the city itself is in ruins, there being only a few old men and women to be seen, who describe how the city was burnt and sacked, and how some of the people were slaughtered and others driven away from their homes by force. The sight of human skeletons scattered about for miles is sufficient to corroborate this terrible tale. Arriving at last at the city of Chu Man, which escaped the ravages and depredations of the bandits, thousands of vagrants are to be seen huddled together in open spaces.

Such were the conditions in these places when the Canton Army took possession, and it is clear that much relief and restoration work will have to be carried out.

SKY SIGNS ILLEGAL.

CHINESE BUSINESS MAN FINED.

An usual charge came up for hearing before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the manager of the Wah On, a piece goods store, at 254, Des Voeux Road Central, was summoned for a breach of the advertisement regulations by displaying a sky sign over a public street, to wit, Des Voeux Road, which affected injuriously the amenities of that place.

Sergt. McFall, who prosecuted, said that the defendant had a banner stretched across the roadway between the front of the shop and a telegraph post.

The defendant pleaded that this banner served the purpose of announcing that there was a sale going on in the store. He pleaded that he was unaware that he was in that way committing a breach of the advertisement regulations.

A conviction was recorded and the defendant was fined \$10. The action foreshadows a campaign by the police against people committing such offences.

ARE TOY PISTOLS GUNS?

KNOTTY POINT FOR DECISION.

MAGISTRATE'S DILEMMA.

In connection with the ruling recently gazetted that toy pistols come under the regulations prohibiting the possession of firearms without a licence, Inspector Reynolds, who is in charge of the arms licences office, summoned a wholesale dealer in this class of toys before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning. The summons was taken out before the recent regulations against the possession of toy pistols were gazetted, and it was explained that the charge was brought actually under the Arms Ordinance of 1920.

His Worship inspected a number of samples, which were produced, and, testing the working of one of these toys, he remarked, "This seems to be a dangerous weapon, as it rings a bell."

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that in the wording of the Ordinance no definition was given of the form of a toy pistol. A pistol, which discharged a missile, was conceded to be a gun within the meaning of the Ordinance, and in this respect a pea-shooter might be regarded as being an offensive weapon. The pistols, in the present case, had no such arrangement for discharging a missile.

The Magistrate went on to read an extract from a gazette, issued to "Justices of the Peace," in which a query was raised whether a toy pistol which exploded a cartridge, but did not discharge any missile, could be held to be an offensive weapon, or an article which could be prohibited within the meaning of the Ordinance for the regulation of fire-works. Such a toy was neither the one nor the other, and could be regarded as a combination of both.

His Worship decided to remand the case while he referred the point to the Attorney General.

This case affects a large contingent of toy pistols now being held up in the godowns.

RENTS CASE.

ALLEGED IMPROPER REMOVAL.

A charge brought under the Rents Ordinance was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, as an intimation was made that it was likely that the matter would be arranged outside the Court.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who was for the prosecution, said he was appearing for a client, who until lately was in occupation of 111, Bonham Strand, from which he removed, on intimation from the defendant, who is the landlord, that the building was to be completely demolished. That had not been done, and the charge was one of improper removal, complainant having been forced to leave the premises. The matter of compensation was under discussion, and if it was satisfactorily arranged, Mr. Lo would then ask His Worship to allow the case to be withdrawn. If not, he would ask His Worship to fix a day for the hearing.

The case was adjourned.

ECHO OF SPY CASE.

FRENCH DANCER ARRESTED.

Paris, Jan. 26.

There is a further development in the alleged spy case, which came into prominence in December, this being the arrest at Toulon of a twenty-three-year-old dancer, Mademoiselle Lefebvre, who it is alleged, corresponded with M. Leathes, acknowledging receipt of sums of money and promising to supply "the information asked for."—*Reuter*.

MORRIS APPEAL.

RESPIRE FROM HARD LABOUR.

NEW LEGAL POINTS

It was decided last evening, (says the *Daily Chronicle* of Dec. 22nd) to lodge an appeal on behalf of Hayley Morris and his wife, both of whom were sentenced at Lewes Assizes for conspiracy against girls at Pippingford Park.

A representative of Messrs. Withers and Co., solicitors, of Arundel-street, Strand, who are acting for both defendants, stated that the grounds of the appeal had not yet been definitely decided upon, and would occupy some days in preparation. "Several legal points will be raised," he said.

It is understood that these include the question of the medical evidence which the defence wished to call in regard to Mrs. Morris, and which the judge, Mr. Justice Avory, declined to hear.

In the final stages of the trial it was announced that Mrs. Morris would not be called because of the state of her health, and counsel for Hayley Morris, Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., then decided not to put him into the witness-box. Referring to the controversy, counsel said: "His lordship's ruling is final here, but it will be tested elsewhere."

Summing up, Mr. Justice Avory dealt with this aspect of the case, and observed that Mr. Oliver and Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett—the latter appearing for Mrs. Morris—had threatened him with the Court of Criminal Appeal "in the politest possible manner."

It is expected that the appeal will not be heard before the end of January, and in the meantime no tasks will be imposed upon Morris—who received sentence of two years' hard labour and a year's imprisonment—and his wife, who was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

"Pending the appeal the prisoners will be simply detained," explained an authority to a *Daily Chronicle* representative.

"A period of ten days as from the date of sentence is allowed in which to appeal, and a notice to this effect, setting forth the procedure, is displayed in the cells. Prisoners who contemplate appeal have no tasks imposed upon them. Nor is any required of them until after their appeal has been heard."

STOLEN PAPER.

TWO CHINESE SENTENCED.

Large sheets of paper, with trade marks printed on them, figured in a case which came before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning. Two Chinese were charged with the larceny of the paper, and with receiving the same, the property of the manager of the Tin Tsun printing press shop, 30, Stanley Street.

Sergt. McEwen said the first defendant was arrested on January 25th at midnight, in a lane at the back of Wellington Street, near the printing shop. The printed matter was found wrapped up in a quilt, which he claimed to belong to him. The second defendant was arrested as the result of enquiries in another case.

Major Willson said he could not see of what use the sheets were to the defendants, and Inspector McDonald said they were sold to marine hawkers in Lower Lascar Road, as scrap-paper.

Both defendants admitted the charge.

The first defendant was sent to prison for one month, and the second for six weeks.

NEW CANTON AVIATION PLANS.

A BIG ORGANISATION FORMED.

HELP FROM RUSSIA.

The Canton Government, recognising the importance of aviation, is planning to interest the public in flying and to secure their co-operation. There has therefore been established an organisation called the Aviation Enthusiasts' Union. This body has a membership of over three thousand, and thirty-six branch organisations have been formed throughout the province.

It is said that the Government will provide the organisations with aeroplanes for those who wish to learn to fly, and establish schools to teach technical knowledge. With such a big membership, it is hoped that sufficient contributions will be collected to enable the Government to erect a large factory in order to manufacture its own aeroplanes.

In connection with these reports, it is said that the Russian officer at the head of the Aviation Bureau, returned to Russia at the beginning of the strike for the purpose of securing assistance from the Soviet, and it is reported that this officer has been successful in his mission.

CANTON'S ARMY

General Chang Kai-shek a few days ago inspected the 4th Regiment of the 1st Army Corps at Sa-Ho. It is said that the inspection lasted from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening and that the regiment went through all kinds of drill, including field evolutions.

Two days later, the newly formed division called the 1st Super-Disciplined Division, composed of picked men who went through a special course of training, and commanded by General Wong Pok-ling, was subjected to rigid inspection for two days, whilst next day an inspection of the combined troops of the 2nd Division, under General Wong Kung-mow, and the 1st Super-Disciplined Division, took place, when a sham battle was fought between the two units. On the same evening General Chan Kai-shek entertained all the officers who took part in the manoeuvres.

THE "TUNGSHING."

EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

Divers have made a thorough examination of the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tungshing (which sank after colliding with the s.s. Empress of Asia off Black Point on January 11), but a report of the survey is not available for publication, says *Shipping and Engineering* of the 22nd inst. We learn on excellent authority, however, that the hull of the vessel is already settling in the silt and that the damage, which extends from a point about 60-ft. from her stern is serious.

There is stated to be a strong doubt as to whether the Tungshing, in her present position and condition, would be worth the labour and expense that would be entailed in salvaging her, without occasioning further damage. As she lies practically in the main channel of navigation, however, it is certain that she will have to be removed—either whole or piecemeal—at the earliest possible date.

SHAMEEN DEPOSITS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' REQUEST.

It is reported that the Canton General Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Committee of Political Affairs to permit depositors to enter Shameen so as to draw money from the foreign banks there for a period of ten days, in order to meet the requirements of the Chinese New Year. No reply has yet been received from the Committee.

PORT THIEVES.

LAST OF NOTORIOUS GANG.

EXCITING ARREST.

After two years of nefarious activity, the last two members of a highly organized gang of harbour thieves have been arrested.

These men were rounded up in investigations which followed the commission of a theft on a fireboat, during the week-end. One was taken two or three days ago in a police raid in Shaikwan, when he fell into the street from the house and broke his legs, and the other, his sole companion of the gang which had made itself notorious by its daring depredations on craft in harbour, has only just been captured.

Information which threw a surprising light on the case was disclosed by a police official this morning, who indicated that with the capture of these two men, the closing chapter had been written in a matter which had occupied the attention of the harbour police for two years and caused them no little anxiety.

The police record of the last few years have now and then shown instances of daring robbery in the harbour, which are now attributed to the work of this gang. They specialised in the theft of anchors, tarpaulin, hawsers, and ropes, which were often spirited away overnight from the steamer. From time to time the arrest of one or other member of the gang had rewarded the efforts of the harbour police, but it was not until within these last few days that the campaign could be regarded as being completely accomplished with the capture of the surviving members.

It was in investigations following the theft of a smoke helmet and canvas from a fireboat that a raid was planned and carried out on a house in Shaikwan. The man sought for by the officers jumped from the verandah of an upper floor into the street, and sustained injuries from which he is not expected to recover. His companion was arrested yesterday but details of this second capture are not yet available.

THE WORLD COURT.

U. S. SENATE DEBATE.

Washington, Jan. 26.

After a fortnight's debate, the Senate has embarked on the vote for resolutions dealing with adherence to the World Court. It first approved the reservations of the United States in joining the Court, but not accepting legal connection with the League; further, that the United States should have a vote in the selection of the Judges and pay a fair share of the expenses of the Court.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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THEOSOPHY

"The World Conference of the T.S. in India, December 1925,"
will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The
Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday January 27th, at 6 p.m.
Lecturer Mr. M. Manick. The Meeting is open to the Public.

SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER.

Water Examination and Rabies.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. Other members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, D. S. W. Tse, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Mr. D. Davies.

Pursuant to notice, Dr. Koch asked questions concerning water supply and the prevention of rabies. His first question was:

(1) Is it the case, that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?

(2) Is it not advisable that such examination should be made at least once a week?

(3) Can and will the authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

Question of Staff.

The Chairman said so far as the first part of the question was concerned he was authorised to say that the reply was in the affirmative. The examination was made once a month. In regard to part two, a weekly examination would have advantages. In regard to part three, the question of increasing the staff of the Bacteriological Institute was under consideration by the Government. Without such increase it would not be possible to make the examinations more frequent.

Dr. Koch said he thought it would be very advisable for the Government to increase the staff of the Bacteriological Institute. There was no doubt whatever that the question of water supply ought to be attended to much more than it was at present. Examination once a week, he thought, would not be any too often.

Dr. J. C. Macgown said he agreed with what Dr. Koch had said. They knew from reports that often the water was not satisfactory and had to be chlorinated. It was possible that the water might not be satisfactory the day after it was examined, and did that mean that they had to run the chance of pollution lasting a month?

The Chairman remarked that if the water was found in any way defective, action was taken, and that was followed up by further analysis and examination.

Rabies Outbreak.

The second question was:—In view of the recurrence of rabies from time to time in the Colony, and of the proved efficiency of Antirabic Vaccination as a preventative, would the authorities consider the possibility of insisting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a license?

The Chairman said he was authorised to reply that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the Government. He thought it would not be out of place to make a statement on the rabies situation. He had seen that one newspaper had reported that there were three cases in one day. That was not so; there were three during a weekend.

No Cases Since April.

There had been no cases since last April until quite recently, three cases appearing in a week in Hongkong. The first case was

GOVERNMENT HOUSE PARTY.

YESTERDAY'S INFORMAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Yesterday afternoon His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi entertained a large number of people at a garden party held in the grounds of Government House. The function was official, but it was carried out in every way informally. His Excellency and Lady Clementi welcomed the guests, who numbered between 1,200 and 1,300, and afterwards Sir Cecil was seen moving about the grounds renewing old acquaintances, especially among the Chinese guests, and meeting and making new friends.

On arrival guests were received at the main entrance to Government House by A. D. C.'s and were escorted through and presented to Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi at the opposite entrance, leading to the gardens. Tea tables were arranged over the lawns and the drawing and ante-rooms were thrown open for the use of guests. An army of waiters attended to the needs of all.

Outside in the grounds the band of H.M.S. Hawkins played appreciated music, and in the ball room above the band of H.M.S. Hermes earned the plaudits of those who took advantage of the opportunity to dance on a very excellent floor.

Buffets were established in either wing of the house and catering arrangements were excellent. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by both foreign and Chinese guests. The informality of the occasion was commented on with pleasure by everyone, and all no doubt hope that this welcome feature will mark later official functions when the temperature has gone up above the pleasantly warm level.

Among those noticed were H. R. H. Prince George, Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., Major General C. C. Luard, C. B., C.M.G., the Bishop of Victoria, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., Colonel Russell Brown, D.S.O., Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and other members of the Legislative Council, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. W. W. Hornell, the Rev. Fr. Spada, Fr. L. Robert, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., and Mr. A. O. Lanz. The Consul's body was well represented. Among the many Chinese guests were Sir Shoh-son and Lady Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The A. D. C. to His Excellency, Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., was present in his official capacity, and assisting him were Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, hon. A. D. C., Captain G. E. Swinton, M.C., late A.D.C., Mr. L. H. V. Booth, and Mr. B. R. Forsier and Mr. G. R. Sayer, present and past private secretaries to His Excellency respectively.

Along the Praya, the dog jumping into the harbour. It was fished out, drowned, and was discovered to have been suffering from rabies. Enquiries were made as people were reported to have been bitten, but none of these people could be found. The second case was in Wyndham Street. The police secured the dog, and dogs it had been in contact with were caught and were still under observation. The third case was in Des Voeux Road, and the Colony Veterinary Surgeon secured the dog himself. It was killed. The whole situation was receiving careful attention and it was only fair that the public should know there was a definite outbreak.

PROPERTY SALE.

VALUABLE LOT OFFERED YESTERDAY.

Reserve Price Not Reached.

A valuable leasehold property, Marine Lots Nos. 245 and 246, on which stands the premises of the Chen Kwong Company, Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, was offered for sale by Mr. L. E. Lammett at his sales rooms yesterday afternoon. The reserve price not being reached, the property was withdrawn, but not until the bidding had passed the quarter million dollar mark.

Marine Lot No. 245 consists of 2,240 square feet, and includes No. 119 Connaught Road, Central, and No. 237 Des Voeux Road. The second lot contains an area of 2,228 square feet and is the site of No. 120 Connaught Road, Central, and No. 239 Des Voeux Road, Central.

Opening the bidding at \$200,000, Mr. Lammett announced that the minimum bid acceptable would be \$1,000, which was the first amount offered. A sum of \$9,000 was the next increase made and although there were only two interested parties in the bidding, the price was soon taken to \$271,000, by leaps of \$1,000 and sometimes as much as \$4,000. The reserve price was not, however, reached.

Marine Lot No. 68, comprising No. 39 Des Voeux Road and No. 71 Connaught Road, Central, was withdrawn from sale.

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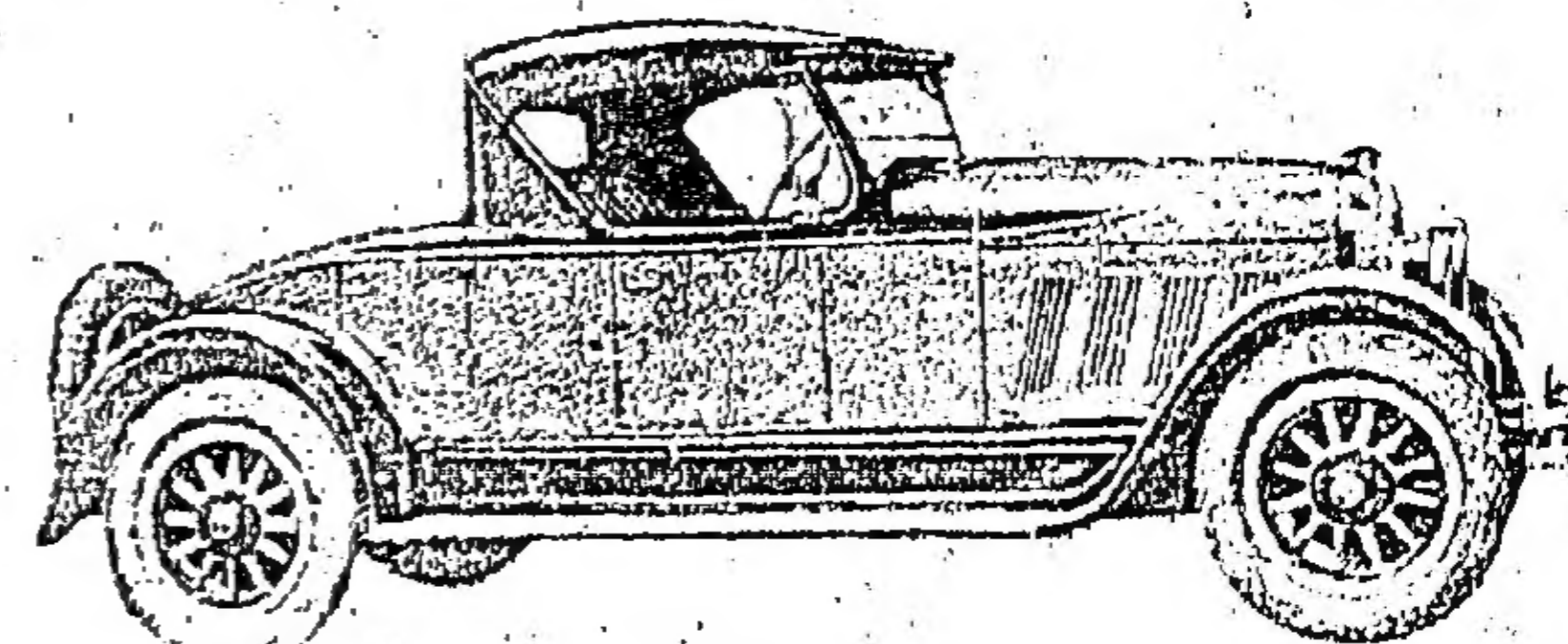
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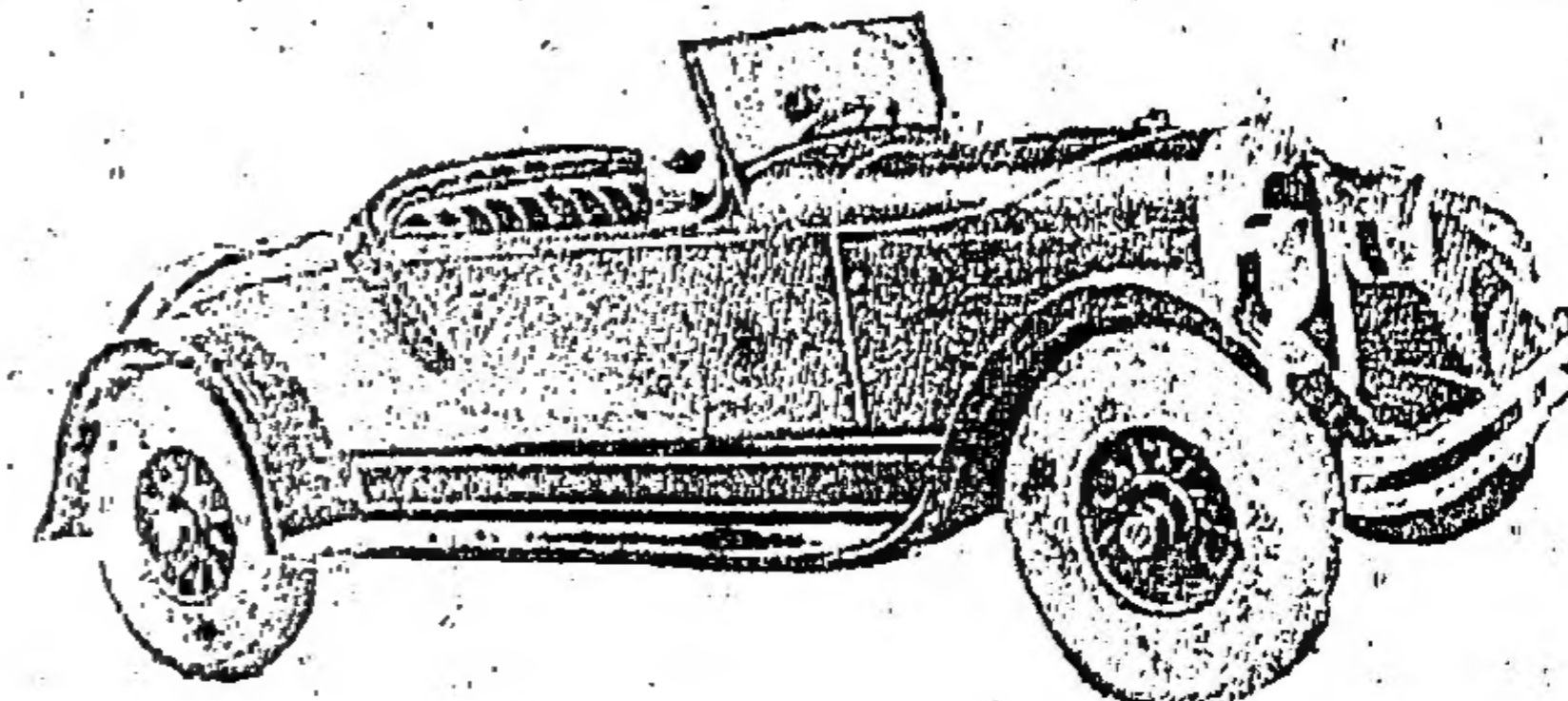
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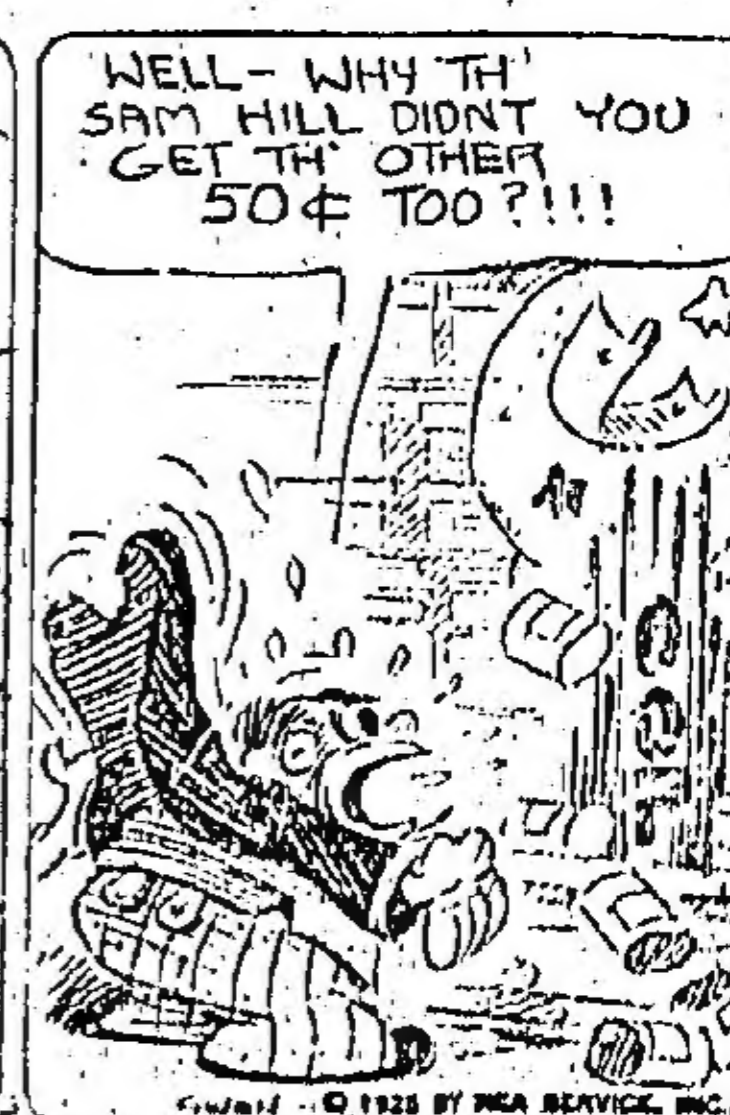
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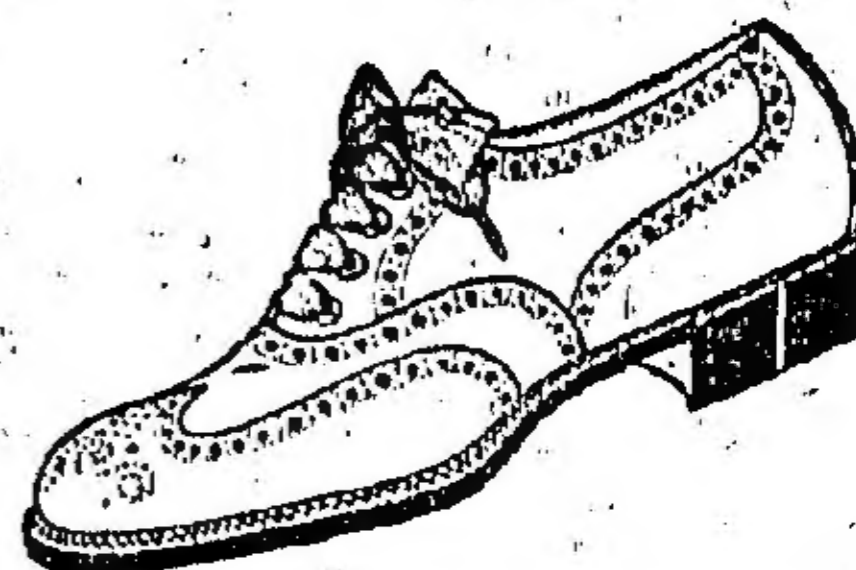
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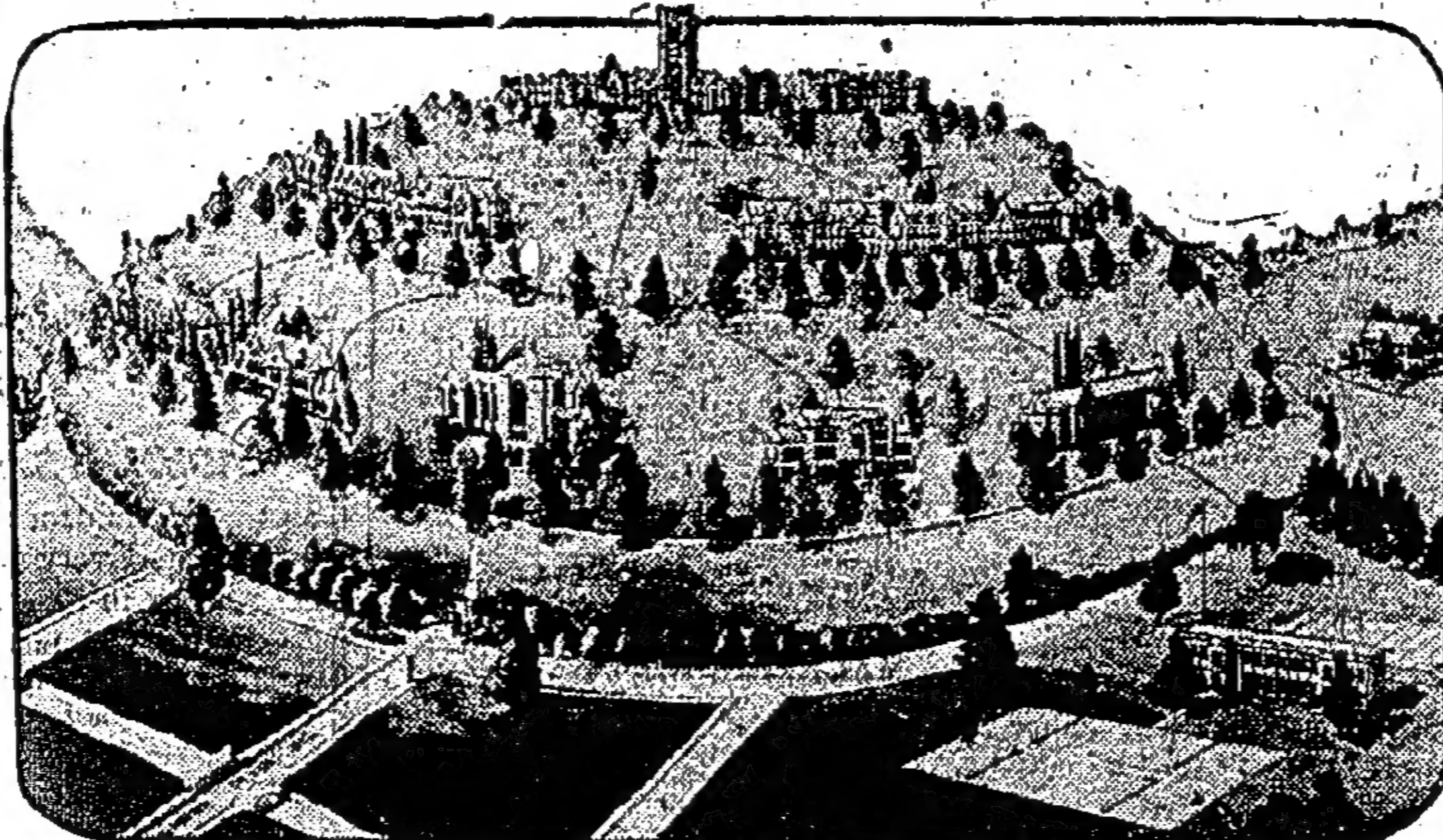
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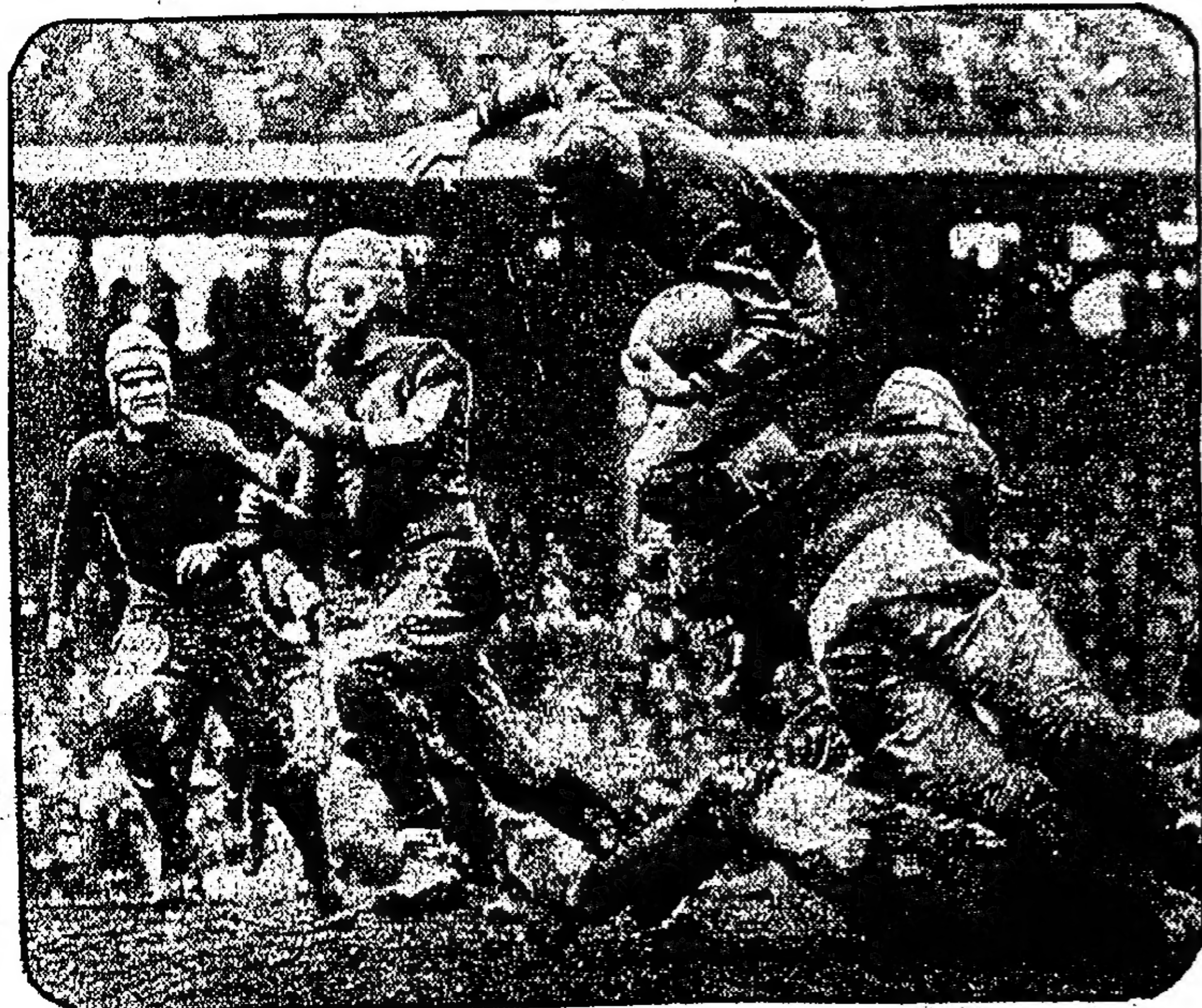
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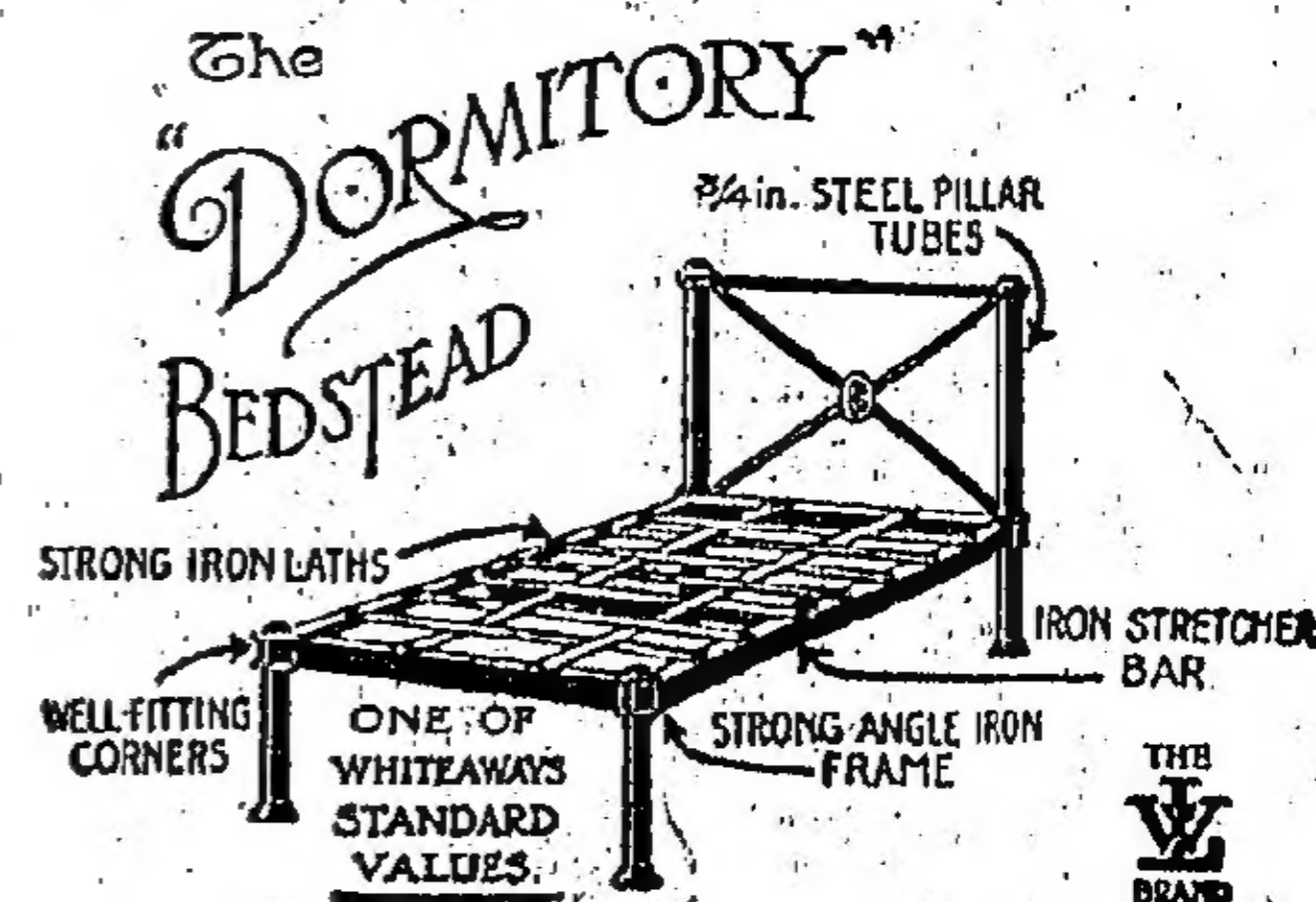
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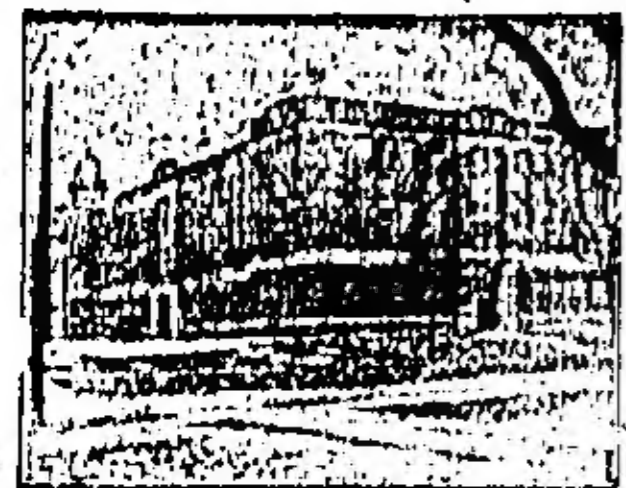
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ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT-
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Chaplain's and Treasurer's Report.

The annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall last evening with the Right Revd. Bishop Dupuy in the chair, a full attendance of the Church Body and a few members of the congregation.

The proceedings opened with a prayer, after which the Chaplain, the Revd. T. B. Powell read his report of the year's work, which was as follows:

It might not be altogether a complete distortion of Dryden's phrase to describe the last year in the annals of the Cathedral as a minor "annus mirabilis," however, it can be claimed that some, perhaps, unexpected progress was made in many directions, and that various experiments met with a certain measure of success. For a Cathedral is a living organization and unless it possesses a spirit of growth and prayer, and contains what is known as a religious atmosphere there is not much hope for it, and but little value in the eyes of God or man. And so, although we are wrong to look for spiritual results, it is essential that we place the things of the spirit first, and that above all we regard the Cathedral as a House of Prayer and a kind of central Power house for the religious work of the diocese.

The season of Lent marked a distinct step forward owing to the daily celebrations and the helpful services conducted by the pious chaplain. The Church council which came into being after the annual meeting of last year, was able to advise the Church Body on various matters of importance—it is good to note that two Chinese are now members of the council. The councillors, at a later stage, drafted off reports on the various activities of the Cathedral, and made suggestions which will be put into fuller practice when the times are more propitious.

The Women's Guild.

A good deal of sound work was accomplished by members of the Women's Guild, and it is owing principally to their efforts that the Cathedral is now in such a well-kept condition. There must be many women in the Colony who feel the endless strain of enforced leisure—it should be remembered that the Women's Guild will give them a warm welcome and some admirable work to do. Considerable progress has been made in the refurnishing of the Cathedral—noticeably in the Lady Chapel—but on general improvements and refurnishing it would be easy to spend an additional thirty thousand dollars. The new organ casing is a distinct asset, and the proposed additional scheme for the chancel, a plan of which is lying on the west door, will add much to its beauty. The C.E.M.S. has been active in many ways, and was responsible for a series of public lectures in the winter months.

Pew Rents.

The services of the Cathedral have tended to improve and the congregations have increased. A considerable debt of gratitude is owed to the members of the choir and the organist; and to the clergy who have gladly given their valuable help in the absence of the senior chaplain. Several congregational singing practices have been held, and although surprise was felt at this innovation, chiefly

because no authority could be found for it in the Old Testament, the improvement in the congregational singing has been noticeable—though in this respect we have far to travel. We were glad to welcome the R.A.O.B., the Scouts and Guides, and hope that this year several services for Chinese in their own language may be held. A start has been made with the Children's Corner, and a lending library, under the auspices of the C.E.M.S. and Women's Guild will be open in Lent. It is to be hoped most devoutly that the time may soon come when the finances of the Cathedral will allow the present system of pew-rents to be changed—all seats should, of course, be free and unappropriated.

It is perhaps permissible to make a special note of the Church Body, and to congratulate its members on their admirable, painstaking and exacting work during a difficult period. In this connection we record with regret the death of Mr. Job Witzell, who for many years was a valuable member. The congregation is deeply indebted to the Church Body for services of high value freely and willingly given. With an added spirit of prayer, of brotherliness, and comradeship in the work of Christ the Cathedral may confidently look forward to a year of real spiritual growth.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet and accounts for the year said:

You will notice from the Statement in your hands, that we began the year with a deficit of \$9,742.32, but I am glad to say this was observed by our generous benefactor, Sir Paul Chater, who at once sent a cheque for \$9,000.

During the year under review, the Chater Endowment Fund, originally of \$25,000, has been converted into a dollar account, and by Sir Paul's further generosity the fund has been increased to a round sum of \$250,000. The Trustees of the fund having invested the money locally, the result is much to the advantage of the Cathedral Funds. The full benefit of the change, however, is not fully apparent as the transfer was not made till April last. The next Balance Sheet will show that from this Fund alone, there will be an income of close upon \$20,000.

We also received during the year a sum of \$2,000 from the Bowdler bequest—which appears in the accounts as \$17,872.94—and this, together with the item of \$16,000 formerly standing to the credit of Assistant Chaplain's Fund, together with surpluses of other separate accounts, is now invested in a mortgage making a round figure of \$40,000, from which will be derived an annual income of \$3,600.

Estimating our normal expenditure for the coming year to be about the same as the last, namely, about \$16,250, and our normal receipts to be about the same, with the addition of the increased revenue on Chater's Endowment Fund, there should be a satisfactory credit balance at the close of the present year.

The Organ.

As you are aware, serious defects were found in the Organ some time ago, and drastic measures had to be taken to put it in order. Fortunately we had in the Colony, Mr. Blackett, the organ builder, who has for a long time taken such a keen interest in it, and it was decided he should proceed at once with the work of reconditioning those parts which were affected by climatic and other causes. The total cost is estimated to be about \$14,000, and when completed, it is asserted by several people, we shall have in this Cathedral an

Organ second to none 'East of Buez.

Regarding donations, you will notice we have received from one large office in the Colony a sum of \$350. This is made up of monthly donations from 5 or 6 gentlemen in this Company (of \$5), and I would strongly recommend that the staffs of other large concerns be approached by someone interested in the work of the Church for similar small monthly donations.

The Church Body.

Six lay members of the Church Body were elected as follows: Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Forster, W. L. Pattenden, (Hon. Sec.), P. S. Cassidy, J. A. E. Bullock and Lieut. Colonel T. R. Robertson.

Mr. Owen Hughes, on the subject of the appointment of an auditor, drew attention to the need of a fully qualified professional, Mr. Pattenden proposed Mr. B. O. Blaker for the office, and this was seconded by Mr. Cassidy. There followed a discussion on the benefits which would accrue from a professional revision of the accounts at a fee. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, as was a vote of thanks to Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson, who had previously carried out the duties.

Thanks To Helpers.

The Bishop expressed his gratitude to Mr. Powell for the keen and efficient way he had carried on the work at the Cathedral during the past troublesome months, and also to Mr. F. Mason, the organist, for his help. They also had to thank Mr. Blackett. The scheme for the renovation of the organ was going on satisfactorily and they hoped it would be seen through in spite of hard times. They also felt a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Pollock and those who worked with her in keeping the Cathedral in a most excellent manner. The Bishop also thanked the Church Council and the Church Body, as busy business men, who spared hours of their leisure to give advice on Cathedral matters. He had particularly to thank Mr. Pattenden and Mr. Owen Hughes. He then referred to the Fokien Cathedral at Fochow, now in the course of erection. When the Bishop of Fokien was passing through here a short while ago, he had a conversation with the speaker and Mr. Powell, and they thought that as the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. John's should make some gift towards the new building. It was 20 years ago since Fochow was separated from this diocese, and it was hoped that the new Cathedral would be consecrated at the next general Synod of the Chinese Church.

London Re-union.

Another point was that some of those present might be going home before this coming summer, and it might interest them to know that at the next reunion of the Victoria Diocesan Association, a former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Frederick Lugard, was to take the chair. This was to be on June 2 at the Victory House, Leicester Square, London.

They entered on a new year, the course of which none could say, but they prayed God that there was going to be prosperity in China, in the world and in the Colony of Hongkong. They hoped and trusted the rich blessing of God was going to rest on the ministrations in the Cathedral Church, and he thought, to this end, it was probable that this coming winter they would have a visit from the Mission of Help, which was postponed from last year. The Mission was not only to Hongkong, but to all English-speaking congregations in China.

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting closed.

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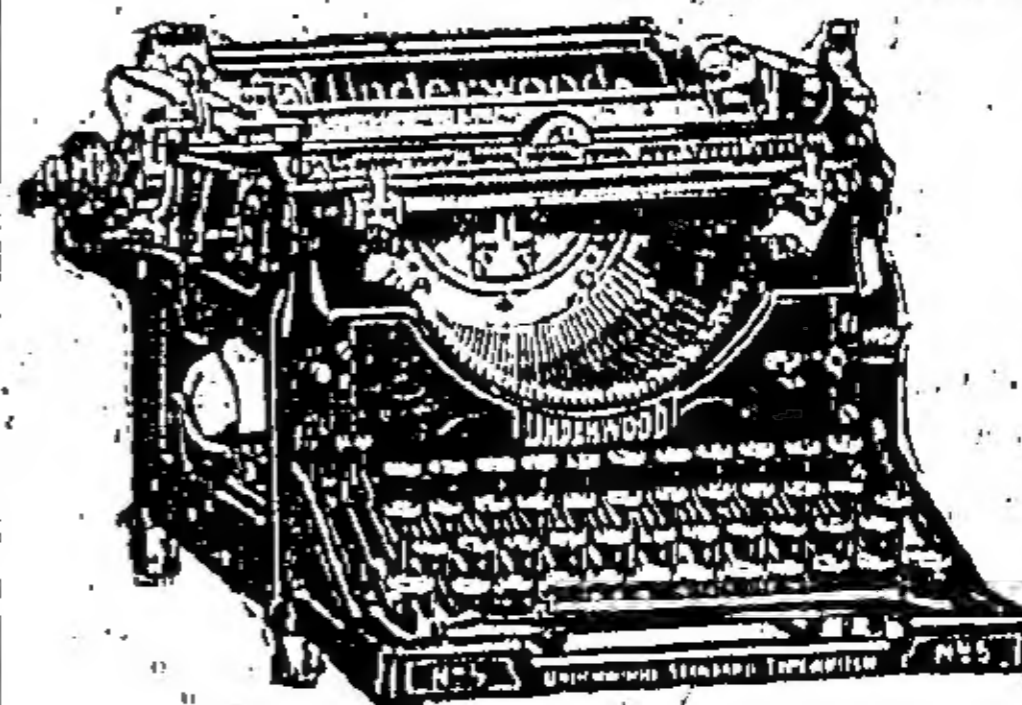
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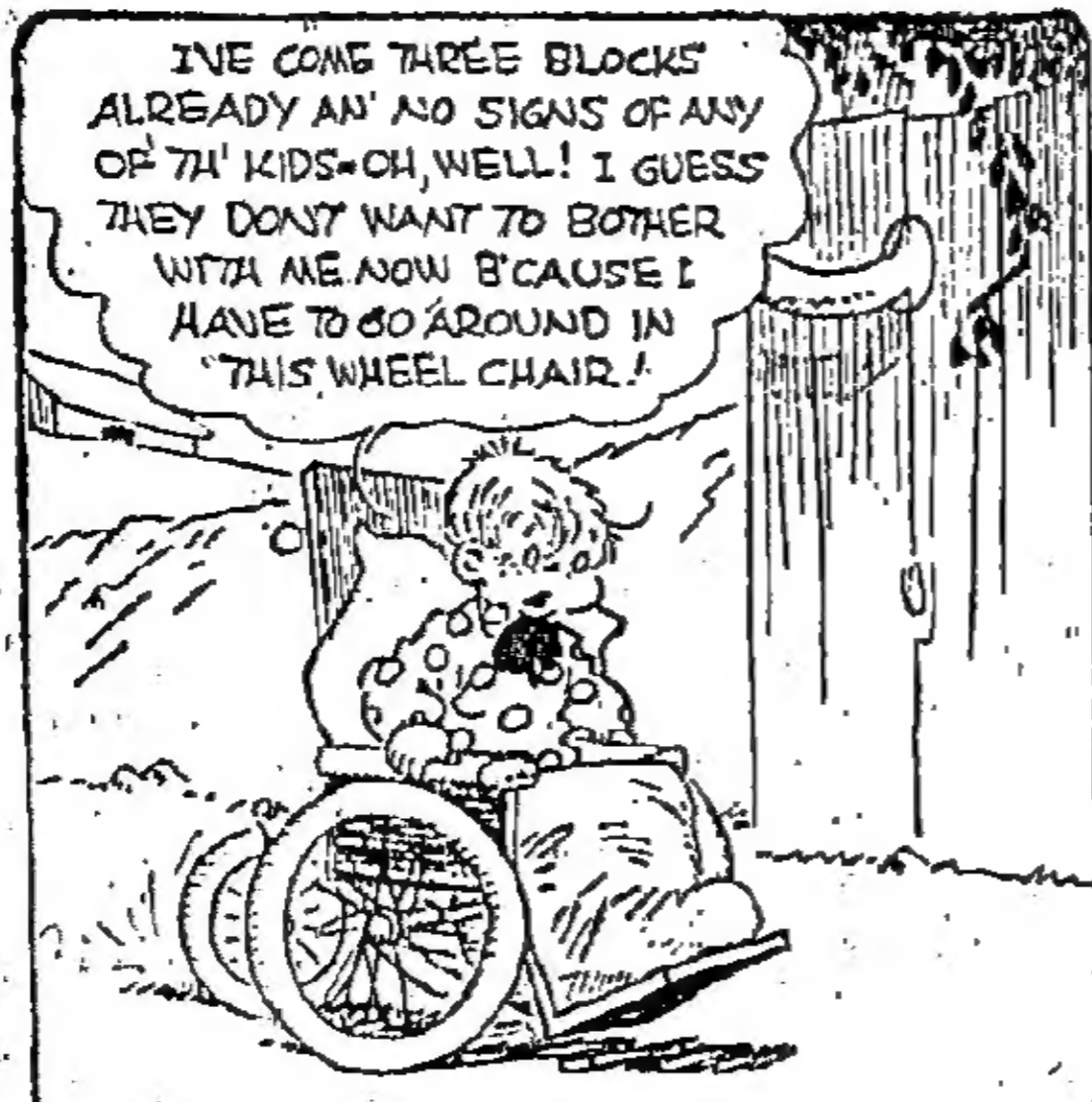
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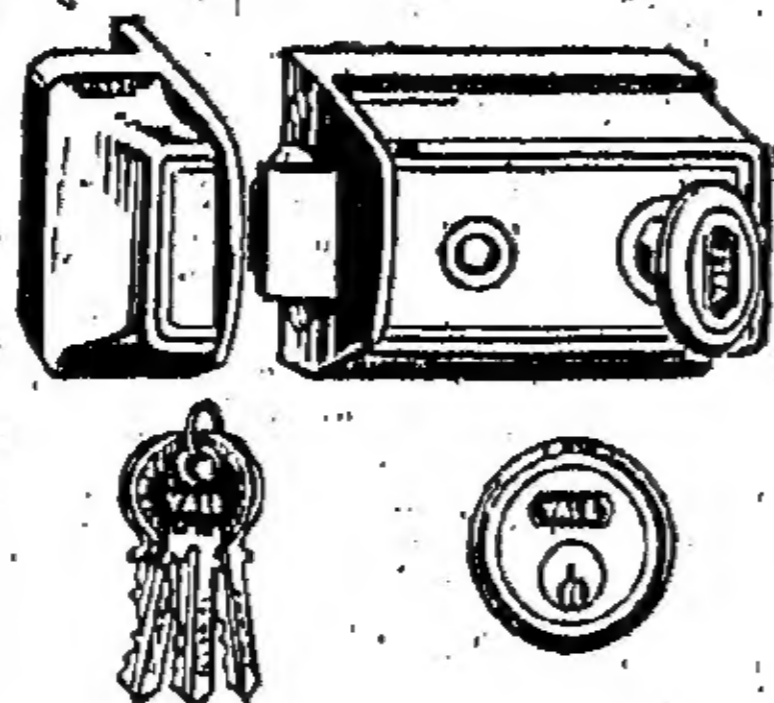
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HORRORS OF STRIFE.

In the quiet well-ordered seclusion of Hongkong we can have but a dim realisation of the horror of the chaotic conditions suffered by Chinese in the North, where badly-directed fighting has been carried on in the height of the winter season. When we talk of China's sorrows we know but a little of them. Every man knows that fighting is at all times a hardship-bearing task, and when to the inevitable suffering of conflict is added the burden of ill-management, the hunger, the cold and the illnesses which arise because of an army being more or less left to shift for itself, it is indeed a wonder that the Chinese troops behave as well as they do. Yet reports filter through now and again of terrible outrage and pillage committed on innocent village communities by ex-soldiers now turned brigands and bandits. Such a case is just reported from near the Manchurian border, about 1,000 hunger-driven soldiers ransacking and pillaging a village of some 300 inhabitants. Men, women and children were either killed in the struggle or were driven out into the biting cold. And, meanwhile, apparently, the General under whom these troops nominally were, either did not know or did not care, for nothing was done (says the report) All over the northern part of China, there are stories being told of the tremendous cost of China's wars—cost to the patient, long-suffering natives who are so thoughtlessly and selfishly sacrificed to the whim for power and gain of either military or political cliques. Away up in the western provinces, from which reports take a long while to come, there have just been received in Shanghai further tales of fighting, whilst on the coast, just above Foochow, there is lawlessness and brigandage which is depopulating a whole district. Throughout the length and breadth of the country there is the same sad story of mal-administration, of corruption and lack of impartial governing authority.

If it could reasonably be said that all this is part of the travail through which China must inevitably go in the course of its metamorphosis from an age-long

secluded Empire into a modern, civilised Republic Power, there would be more than a grain of comfort, for there would be the vision to distract attention from the actuality. But, we do not believe that the present misery, poverty, and suffering of the people are a necessary accompaniment to the evolution of an effective national government, and we think that he would be a callous materialist who would assert it. The great cry of China's politicians of late has been against the Western Powers whose people have come to this land to mix and to trade; these politicians have been calling for "Nationalism" when they ought, more wisely, to have been concerned with the problems of domestic administration. It is not enough for those politicians to rail against the Powers, to look on hopelessly while Tachuns, Marshals, or Generals move their armies of pawns whither they choose irrespective of all the suffering involved. History will hold China's present-day political leaders strictly to task for their want of courageous grasp on a situation that is daily becoming more desperate and difficult. A people will always exact toll, and the day of great toll-taking in China will most assuredly come.

Tramway Matters.

Suggestions recently made for the provision of some night-signalling device on the Peak Tramway, by which passengers waiting at May Road can ascertain whether there are any vacant seats on down-coming cars, are now followed up by a further proposal which we have been asked by a resident of the locality to make. This is that some kind of covered way be erected over the steep flight of steps at the May Road station. It is pointed out that during wet weather much inconvenience is caused to patrons boarding the cars at this station, the more so since it is practically impossible to hold up an umbrella when entering the car, on account of the extremely awkward angle at which the steps run, it being as much as most folk can do to get aboard even when their hands are free. We pass on the suggestion for what it is worth, and would add that in view of the fact that the Tramway Company has been carrying out big alterations at both the terminals, it might be just as well to cover in all the intermediate stations, thus assuring passengers a greater measure of comfort all round. Much has been and is being done to improve the system, and it would seem an opportune time to put into effect these other suggestions as well. That they would be appreciated by the public, we are quite sure.

STOWAWAYS CHARGED.

AMERICAN SEAMAN'S CASE.

An American seaman, named B. F. Williamson, together with a Filipino, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with stowing away from Manila on board the s.s. Sequoia.

Williamson pleaded guilty and said that he intended returning to America.

His Worship asked why the defendant was handed to the local authorities instead of either being sent back to Manila or taken to America. It was obvious that he could not stay in Hongkong.

The Captain of the ship replied that he had no authority to take the defendant from the Colony after he had been discovered on board.

After telephonic communication with the American Consul, his Worship remanded the defendant for twenty-four hours, and instructed the police to see the Consul with the defendant.

On admitting his offence, the Filipino was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, his Worship pointing out that the difference between the two men's cases lay in the fact that the American was attempting to return to his own country, while the defendant was trying to go where he had no right to go.

DAY BY DAY.

THE WORLD HAS NOTHING IN IT WORTHY A MAN'S SERIOUS ANGER.—Owen Feltham.

The health return for yesterday shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy.

Lady Olamonti has kindly consented to distribute the certificates to the pupils of the Ying Wa Girls' School, on Friday, the 29th, at 5 p.m., in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A.

Dr. Chi-Chao Yung, Professor of Chemistry at the Kwong Hun University, Shanghai, arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Soochow yesterday. Dr. Yung will spend his New Year vacation in Hongkong.

A Masonic service is to be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 6 p.m. Masonic clergy will conduct the service and the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, (Bishop of Victoria), who is himself a Mason, will preach.

An old man of 82 years of age, appeared before Mr. Lindsell this morning on a charge of hawking within market limits. "You must be the oldest man in Hongkong, I should say," commented the Magistrate, as he discharged the man with a warning.

Four Chinese appeared before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, one with a bloodstained bandage round his head, charged with fighting. Inspector McDonald said the first two defendants were teasing a girl, and the other two objected, and a fight ensued. Major Willson remarked that the big one seemed to have got the worst of it, and bound all the defendants over.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable disease which occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday, the 23rd instant, shows that there were two Chinese imported cases of small pox, two British and one Chinese case of diphtheria, one Chinese case, imported, of enteric fever, one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever and three cases of rabies in dogs. The three cases of rabies occurred in the Victoria registration district.

The eighth meeting of the Hongkong Garrison's Women's Fellowship took the form of a concert arranged by Mrs. Robert Lewis, at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, last night. There was a large attendance, and the following took part:—Mrs. Neil Mathieson, Rev. G. E. Arrow-smith, Mr. R. M. Keown, Miss Alma Birkett, Major J. Macready, D.S.O., Mr. H. L. Gardner, Miss Gladys Brock, Mrs. Bert Burrows, the "Hongkong Harmony Four" and an orchestra from the East Surreys. Mr. F. Mason, Band-Corpl. W. G. Wernham and Bandman J. Pawkes accompanied.

CROWD'S CURIOSITY.

LEADS TO ASSAULT ON POLICE.

An old woman and her son were defendants in a charge of assault brought by an Indian constable before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The incident was stated to have occurred on the 24th instant in Main Street, West Shaanwan, when the constable attempted to disperse a large crowd which had gathered around a motor cycle combination left by Mr. Staple, of the P.W.D., at the roadside. Mr. Staple was away to get a refill of petrol, but his nine-year-old son was left in charge of the machine. The crowd, from being merely curious, evinced signs of being troublesome. One of them, alleged to be the male defendant, threw bits of chewed sugar-cane at the boy but, said Mr. Staple, "he was not frightened, as the constable was going to take the man to goal."

The old woman, against whom it was proved that she tugged at the constable's turban and displaced it, was fined \$5. Her son was also fined in a similar amount. The Magistrate observed that without doubt he resisted the constable. The latter, however, used unnecessary force, as the defendant had stated. He should have used more tact and discretion, and should be warned.

"DULL HONGKONG."

AN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR'S VIEWS.

"Hongkong is the prettiest place I ever saw, but it sure is the dullest," remarked a visitor from Australia who has been staying here for nearly three weeks past. "You've got beautiful scenery and a wonderful winter climate, but you haven't got a place in the town where there's a bit of life or where anybody can go to enjoy themselves." And having said so much to a *Telegraph* representative with whom he was talking, our friend from "down South" assumed a look of disgust wholly in contrast to his usual bright self.

And then, of course, we told him that work was one's salvation here. So long as a man had plenty to do he didn't bother very much about entertainment because he generally went home after office hours. There were the pictures, and then one could always go to the Hongkong Hotel (now only on the Roof Garden) or Repulse Bay Hotel and watch dancing when one felt like it. It did, perhaps, work out a little expensive if done very often, but the people here stayed a lot in doors and entertained their friends or went out to their friends' houses. All of which explanation, left our Australian friend shaking his head, sadly.

"Why, you haven't even got a cabaret where one can go and get a light meal and either have a dance or watch a dance. There's no life in your town after dark, and a visitor has either got to go to the pictures or go to bed. You've got magnificent beaches and if they were in Australia we'd have some use out of them. In Sydney or any of the big cities we've got some entertainment all the year round at reasonable prices. Everything in Hongkong costs such a lot more than it ought. In the matter of transportation, I've never stayed in a place where, unless you live here and have got season tickets, it costs so much or takes so much time. To go to the Peak and back, even to see the sunset, costs you the best part of two shillings.

"I'm just a plain man on a plain holiday, and I was going to stay here some time, waiting until the weather was fit for one who hates the cold to go up to Japan. But I just get that dull with no-where to go at nights and with nothing to do, that I'm going up to Shanghai. They tell me it's different there. You've got a fine place here, as I said, but it seems to me, a visitor, that you're all asleep in it so far as amusing yourselves is concerned. You could attract an awful lot of people on holiday, but at present you drive them away."

RUSSIAN GOLD.

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London, Jan. 26. A million pounds sterling worth of gold bullion has arrived from Leningrad to be deposited as security for considerable orders to British firms in connection with textile machinery and plant for Russia.—*Reuter*.

A STORMY PASSAGE.

Rugby, Jan. 26. About £1,000,000 sterling in gold from Leningrad arrived in London to-day, in the German steamer "Schwalbe." It is over a month ago since the gold left Leningrad in the Russian ship "Horns." This vessel had such a rough time in the Baltic, that the gold had to be transhipped at Hamburg to the "Schwalbe."—*British Wireless*.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

NOTED AVIATOR'S VIEW.

London, Jan. 26. Mr. Alan Cobham, the British airman who is flying from London to Capetown, writes to the *Daily Mail* from Rhodesia on the subject of the survey for the air route which he is making for the Imperial Airways Company. He says "My report will not advocate immediate operation of air lines from Central Africa to Northern Rhodesia owing to lack of traffic and extensive isolated forest country which has to be flown over, but now we have reached Rhodesia we hope to find great opportunities for operating commercial aircraft."—*British Wireless*.

GAMBLERS IN COURT.

LOTTERY HEADQUARTERS RAIDED.

The table in Major Willson's court, at the Central Magistracy, was covered this morning with rolls of paper on which were printed Chinese characters, lottery tickets, and the accessories for manufacturing lottery tickets, when six Chinese were charged with keeping a gambling house at 214, Hollywood Road, second floor; with writing announcements, and with possession of the tickets.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain prosecuted, and Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for all the defendants. Mr. d'Almada pleaded guilty to the first charge on behalf of the defendants. He said the first defendant, an elderly man, had asked him to state that he accepted the full responsibility, as the other defendants were employed by him, and he, in his turn, was employed by somebody else. He asked Major Willson to take into consideration that the men gave no trouble to the police, and that the tickets were not intended to be sold in Hongkong.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain said the defendants were found in the front room of the house, which was furnished like an office. There was a safe for which the second defendant had the key. The third, fourth and fifth defendants were actually sitting at a table writing tickets, and the sixth man, against whom he did not wish to press the charge, was sitting down, and taking no part in the proceedings. There were three cubicles, in one of which was a man and a boy; in another, some men smoking opium; and in the third, a number of men playing Mah Jong. He closely questioned the latter, and came to the conclusion that the place had undoubtedly been used for the manufacture of "Po Kau" lottery tickets. He asked that the case be regarded as serious, as it was not often they obtained information that enabled them to raid the headquarters where such tickets were made.

Major Willson fined the first defendant \$250; the second, third, fourth, and fifth, \$50, and discharged the sixth.

BOOKBINDING CLOTH THEFT.

CHINESE NO. 1 SENT TO PRISON.

The case concerning the theft of some bookbinding cloth, by an employee of the Der A. Wing Company, 3A, Duddell Street, bookbinders, which was adjourned yesterday, again came before Major Willson at the Central Police Court this morning, when another man was charged with the theft.

Yesterday, an apprentice was intercepted by a supervisor, when on his way to a tea house in Wellington Street, with a parcel and when the parcel was opened it was found to contain the cloth. When enquiries were made, the boy said that the No. 1 man in the bookbinding department had ordered him to cut off the cloth, and wait for him with it outside the tea house. The boy was charged with the theft yesterday when it was stated that the No. 1 man admitted the boy was acting under his orders, and this morning the No. 1 man appeared to answer the charge. The boy appeared as a witness.

The boy, who is the foki of the defendant, said the defendant told him he had spoken to the manager about the cloth, and ordered him to cut a length off, and wait for him with it outside the tea house.

A foreman said the defendant showed him the cloth, and asked him what the price was. Witness replied that he did not know, but the manager would tell him. He did not authorise the defendant to take any cloth away.

The defendant said he wanted the cloth to put on a table for the New Year, and the foreman gave him permission to take some away. Defendant was sent to prison for three weeks with hard labour. Major Willson said he did not think there was sufficient evidence to convict the boy, who was discharged.

MOROCCAN WAR.

A CHIEF'S SUBMISSION.

Paris, Jan. 26. The submission of Kaïd All, of the Benfouraghal tribe, is definite. He has placed in Fez all his fortune, thus depriving Abd el Krim of important treasure.—*Indopacifi*.

LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

TO-DAY'S MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited held this morning was largely attended.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard occupied the chair, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Father L. Robert, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay (directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), Messrs. H. T. Bagrum, E. M. Raymond, J. Arnold, Capt. A. C. Kennedy, H. Birkett, R. L. Bridger, A. Murdoch, P. S. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, R. M. Austin, P. C. Polts, P. M. N. da Silva, J. E. Joseph, H. Ruttonjee, D. V. Stevenson, Frank Austin, A. S. Nissim, Ho Kom-long, Kelly Sayce, J. M. Alves, M. Henderson, D. J. Purves, F. Pollock, D. Lyon, P. G. Agabek, A. M. da Silva, G. A. Ribeiro, R. E. Desai, P. Laurel, A. J. C. Rocha, P. M. Pereira, G. H. Piercey, C. L. Rocha, C. S. Remedios, E. E. Osmond, E. B. C. Hornell, O. F. Ribeiro, D. MacMurray, F. M. Ellis, E. Abraham, E. A. Simon, J. P. Grose, G. Punccheon, P. A. V. Ribeiro, G. H. Carvalho, E. Henderson, R. M. G. Silva, J. M. G. da Sousa, B. C. Randall, J. F. Wright, G. E. V. Osmond, J. Baptista, E. Sadick, H. J. Laron, N. L. H. Ralston, and A. H. Polts, (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report, have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, I propose to follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The balance of Profit & Loss Account this year amounts to only \$1,043,016.15, compared with \$3,183,237.51 for the previous year. But this latter amount included large profits on sales of property and shares. If these are eliminated, it will be found that the net revenue amounts to \$1,023,216.15 in 1925 compared to \$986,449.55 in 1924, or an increase of \$36,766.60 in 1925.

In his speech at this meeting a year ago, my predecessor told you that no sales of property had been effected since August, 1921, and added that the existing state of the property market did not indicate that the Company would find sales a material source of profit in 1925. This forecast proved entirely correct and the only sale made during the year was of a house at the Peak. I could not, of course, be expected that the property boom would last many years and your Directors were quite prepared for the reaction, which has set in.

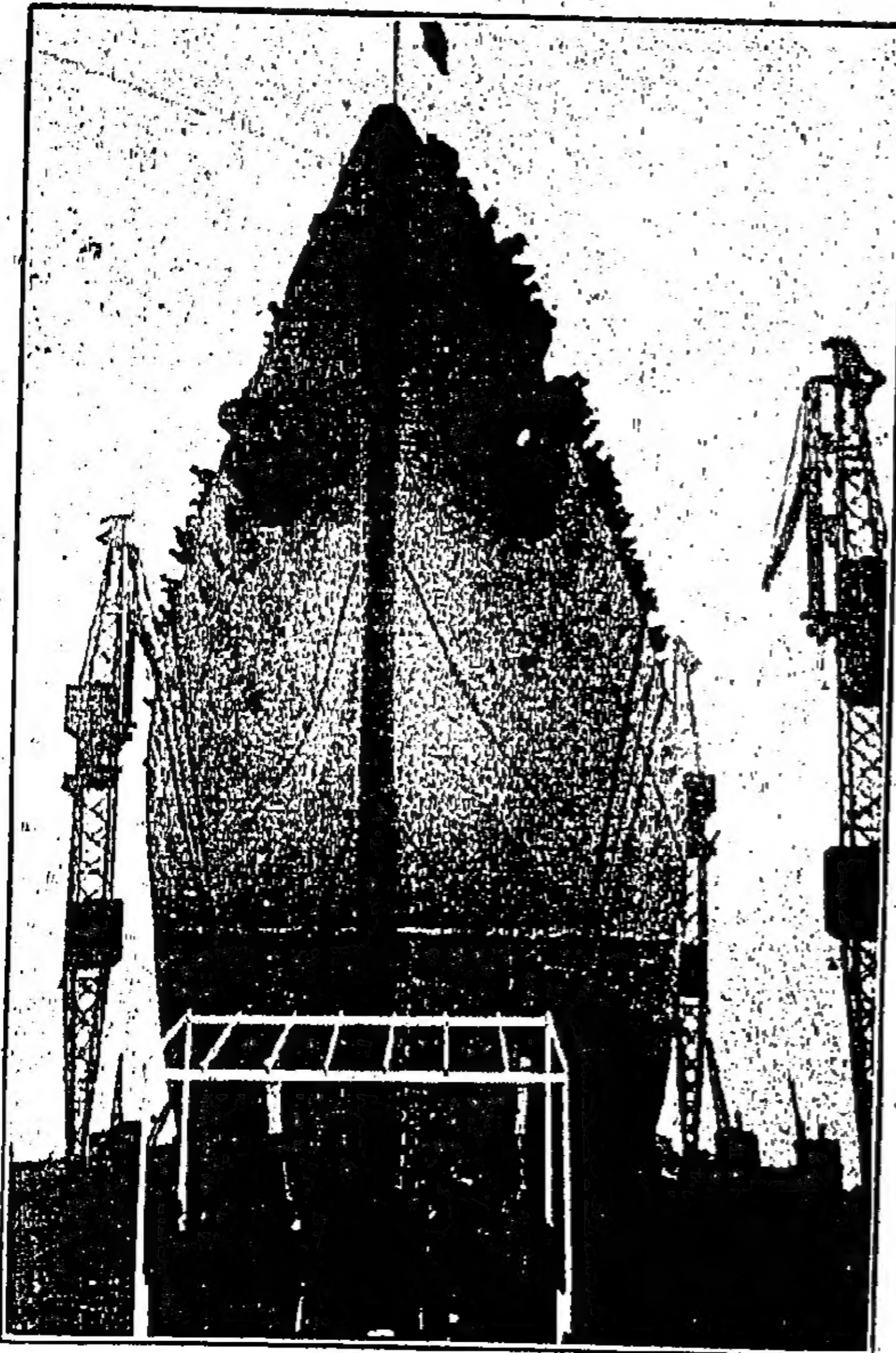
Turning now to the accounts: Accounts Receivable at \$575,868.52 is high compared to \$268,896.57 on 31st December, 1924. Both these figures include the sum of \$225,000 due in respect of the sale of some Praya East Reclamation Rights. As a rule, a mortgage is executed for such a sale and the amount included under "Amount Advanced on Mortgages." In this instance, however, no mortgage deed was drawn up, but we retained the documents as security. This account also includes rents due and interest on mortgages. The former are about normal, there is a substantial sum outstanding in interest. Your Directors have considered these outstanding carefully and are of opinion that they will all be paid but that, in any case, the security is adequate to cover them.

An interim dividend of \$2 per share has already been paid, and your Directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share absorbing \$480,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and carry forward \$848,140.53, which includes \$773,124.38 brought forward from the previous year. Last year we were able to pay a bonus of \$2.50 per share in addition to this dividend, but we had substantial profits from sales of property and shares to draw upon, which we have not got this year. The carry forward will be \$76,016.15 larger, and this year your Directors consider only prudent in view of our large outstanding, although, as I have already said, they regard them as sound.

I do not think, Gentlemen, that there are any other matters that call for explanation and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

As there were no questions, the Chairman put the adoption of the

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SECONDERS SPEECH.

Mr. T. G. Weall:—Gentlemen, I feel sure that in seconding the motion from the Chair, I have your unanimous support. The Chairman has just informed us that in spite of no profit from sale of property or shares, the net revenue shows an increase of \$36,766.60 for the year. Under conditions that have been ruling in this Colony for the past six months I consider this result to be highly satisfactory. Although all of us like to receive bonuses when conditions permit, the Directors are to be sincerely congratulated upon the Balance Sheet laid before you to-day and the distribution they have been able to recommend. With these few remarks, gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of Accounts as circulated.

Mr. Kelly Sayce.—I should like to say a few remarks on behalf of shareholders of this Company. I must congratulate the Directors that in these hard times you have been able to distribute the usual dividend making in all \$4 for the year 1925, knowing that we are passing through a most difficult period for the Colony with no liquid cash. But we hope soon that it will come and that the sun will shine again and that the Directors will take us into their consideration in the coming year and give us the usual bonus as they have done in the past.

As there were no questions, the Chairman put the adoption of the

report and accounts to the meeting, which expressed its unanimous approval.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

On the proposition of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at the remuneration of \$750 each, on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Bagrum, seconded by Mr. R. L. Bridger.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow.

EUROPE'S PROBLEMS.

BRIAND AND CHAMBERLAIN TO MEET.

London, Jan. 26.

Importance is attached to the forthcoming conversations between M. Briand and Sir Auston Chamberlain who is expected in Paris from the Riviera on Jan. 27. It is presumed that they will discuss German disarmament, the admission of Germany into the League, the strength of Allied forces in the Rhineland, and probably the question of a postponement of the preparatory Disarmament Conference at Geneva, which at present is fixed for February 15.—Reuter.

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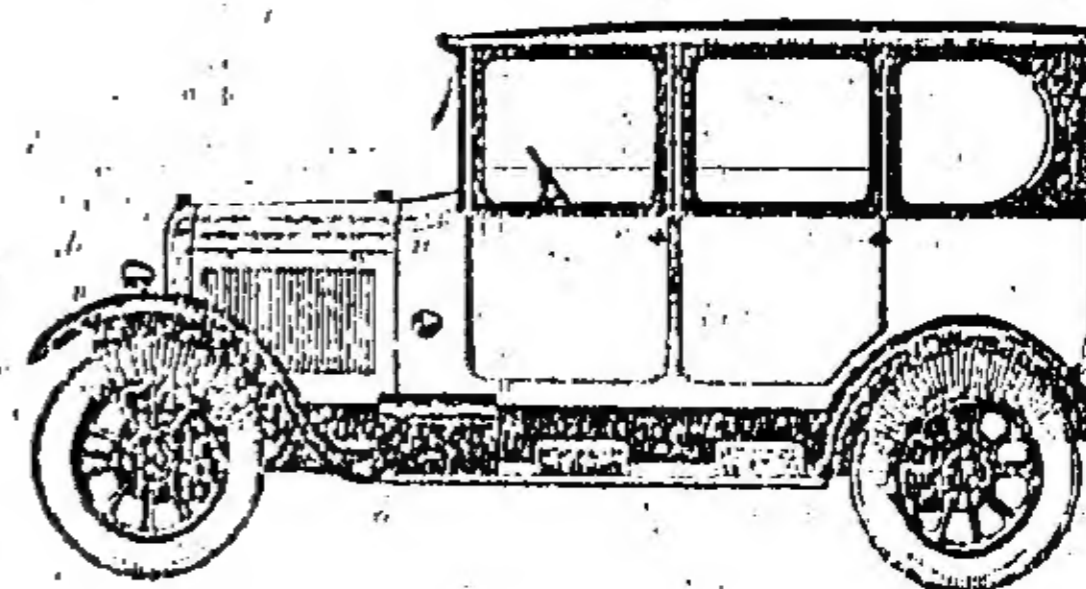
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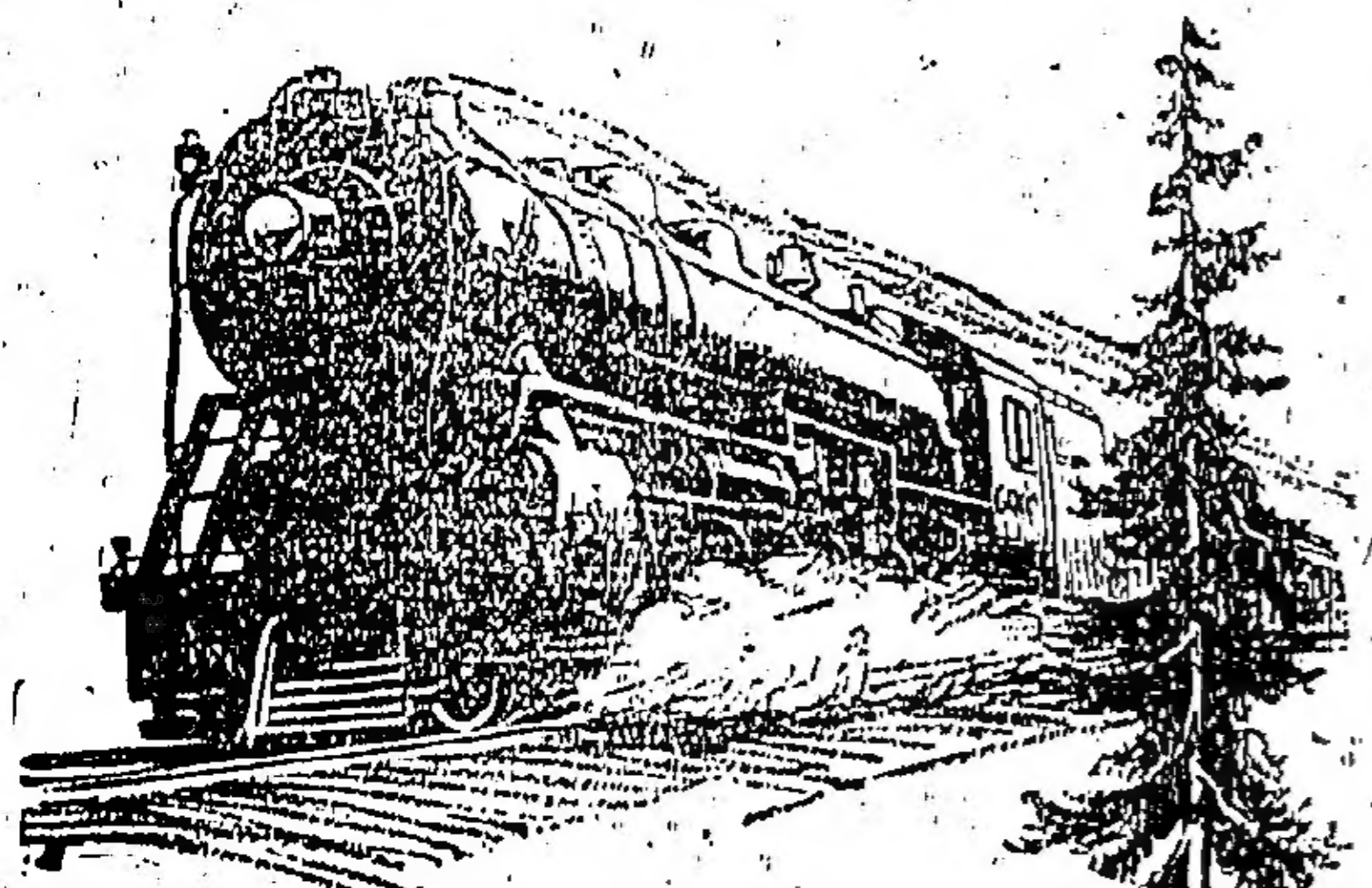


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A RENT CLAIM.HOUSEHOLDER AND EXCESS
OF STANDARD RENT.

Judgment for Landlords.

In the Summary Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Wood heard an action brought by Mr. Addison Hargreaves of 4 Chatham Road, against the Tong Ho Company, rent estate agents, for the return of \$964 being rent paid by the plaintiff to the defendants in excess of the standard rent in respect of 4 Chatham Road.

Defendants counterclaimed for \$424, being rent in respect of the first floor of 4 Chatham Road, for December 1925, and January 1926, payable in advance, and rent in respect of the ground floor of the same house for November and December last, payable in arrears.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. M. M. Watson for the defendants. Opening his case Mr. Strellett said he claimed that the standard rent in respect of 4 Chatham Road was \$100 a month. So far as the history of the premises could be traced there could be found no evidence that there had been any alteration in the rating of the premises. This claim had been paying \$120 in respect of the first floor and \$92 in respect of the ground floor. He admitted the counterclaim.

Mr. J. Bayst said he formerly owned 4 Chatham Road, from 1912 to 1923. The rent was \$100 a month exclusive of rates. The premises were assessed at \$109 and when he left in 1923 there had been no higher assessment.

Plaintiff's Evidence. Plaintiff was called. He said he resided there with his wife and five children. At first he occupied the first floor, taking it on September 28, 1921. The Tong Ho Co. were the owners and no furniture was provided. Another person occupied the ground floor when he went in. He agreed with the defendants to pay \$120 in respect of the top floor. In October 1925, he was informed by the tenant of the ground floor that he was going and witness saw the defendants and arranged to take over the ground floor. The rent was \$80, but before he took over it was increased 15 per cent. to \$92. No alterations or repairs to the building had been carried out.

A Collapsed Verandah. In cross-examination, witness said he paid the top floor rent in advance and the ground floor rent in arrears. It had been agreed between himself and the landlords that the rent of the top floor be not increased. He considered that the landlords could not increase the rent. The landlords had done no repairs. He had been forced to do some to keep the place together. The verandah had fallen down and he had to get it repaired. He represented his case to the P. W. D. and they compelled the landlords to pay for that.

Defendants' Case. Mr. Watson called Kwok Pui-cheung, the manager of the defendant firm. Defendants bought the premises in question in 1923, said witness. They were empty and he arranged the letting. He let the first floor to Mr. Arnold for \$150 a month. Some months later he let the ground floor for \$80 a month. The rates on the premises amounted to \$30 a month. In September 1924, the top floor was let to plaintiff at \$120 a month. Later plaintiff took over the ground floor at \$92 a month.

Cross-examined, he said 4 and 5 Chatham Road were semi-detached houses. Some repairs were done when the houses were bought by defendants. Nothing was done to separate the ground from the first floor.

Mr. Strellett for the plaintiff referred to a similar case which had been decided by Mr. Justice Gompertz in which the standard rent was \$35 and one room was let for so much as \$77 to a sub-tenant. The judge after referring to the question of apportionment in the Home courts, said there was no special power given by the Hongkong Ordinance to effect apportionment. He found accordingly with evident regret that there was no doubt a very serious omission from the Ordinance, but he thought there could be no dispute about the intention of the legislature and if the law was against his client on that point he submitted that there was inherent power in the Court to apportion a sum which was payable.

Bound by Early Decision. His Honour: But I am bound by that decision.

A PROMISING ARCHITECT.HONGKONG BOY STUDYING IN
LIVERPOOL.

Two Interesting Efforts.

Friends of Mr. G. A. V. Hall, who a few years ago was at the Hongkong University and later played cricket for the C. R. C. and the Kowloon Cricket Club, will be interested to learn that he has taken up architecture as a profession and is now in his third year at the Liverpool University School of Architecture.

Mr. Hall is a younger brother of Mr. William Hall, Architect, of Messrs. Abdoolrahim & Co. He has a natural talent for drawing and some of his efforts have been published here.

In a recent number of the *Building News* appears some of the students' efforts, including a suggestion by Mr. Hall for a Golf Club house, such as might replace that burned at Happy Valley. The *Building News* says: "A highly attractive design for a golf club house in Hongkong by Mr. G. A. V. Hall, a third year student, shows a symmetrical composition in the Chinese manner—the tiled roofs with the sculptured features at the extremities of the ridge giving an appropriate air of rusticity to the building."

Mr. Hall has also prepared and sent out elaborate plans for a suggested club house for the Kowloon Cricket Club. The plans in this case are for a symmetrical European style of building providing for a roof garden, billiard room, card room, dressing rooms and everything requisite for a club house, including open and covered terraces for viewing the sports. The design is a very attractive one.

BRITISH POLITICS.SIR ALFRED MOND LEAVES
THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Rugby, Jan. 26.
Sir Alfred Mond, hitherto one of the most prominent members of the Liberal Party, has addressed a letter to Lord Oxford, leader of the Party, announcing that he has severed his connection with the Liberals and proposes to join the Conservative Party.

In his letter to Lord Oxford he states: "The position of the Liberal Party has been steadily drifting from bad to worse. Unity, which we have striven for and which I did my best to promote, has in fact never been achieved, and all efforts to revive and re-organise the Liberal forces have been rendered hopeless by the introduction by Mr. Lloyd George of a land policy which has produced a new, profound cleavage and embarrassment in the Liberal ranks."

He adds that he is absolutely opposed to the policy of agricultural land nationalisation which is revived in a resolution to be submitted to a land convention next month by the Liberal executive. Recognising how divergent are his views on this fundamental question of principle, from those of a large and influential section of the Liberal Party, he states that the only course open for him is to sever his lifelong connection with the Liberal Party.

Labour-Aldo.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech on the question of a suggested alliance between the Liberal and Labour parties, Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking yesterday at Burnley, said that whatever happened the Labour Party would not purchase Liberal support by a betrayal of its principles, lowering of its ideals or mutilation of its programme.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Strellett pointed out that in the section of the Ordinance dealing with the 8 p.c. increase allowable on premises where certain repairs and alterations were made, there was nothing expressly stated about apportionment although he understood that it was the custom of the Court to apportion the payment of that extra amount. He asked his Lordship to come to the conclusion that in whatever portion of the premises a tenant lived he be not liable to pay more than the standard rent for the whole of the premises, which he submitted, was \$100 in this case. These were two separate lettings and he submitted that the standard rent attached to the premises rather than to the lettings.

His Lordship said he would not call upon Mr. Watson and entered judgment for the defendant on claim and counterclaim with costs.

INDIAN KILLED.KNOCKED DOWN ON WAY
TO WORK.

Accidental Death Verdict.

The death of an Indian guard, who was knocked down by a motor lorry at Causeway Bay, was investigated by Major C. Willson and a jury at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

The evidence showed that the man, Jaginder Singh, was on his way to work about six o'clock at night. He was knocked down by a lorry and died almost immediately.

Dr. E. P. Minett, Government Bacteriologist and Officer in Charge of Mortuaries, said he performed a post mortem examination and found that in addition to numerous cuts and bruises on the face and forehead, the man sustained a fracture of the upper left arm, three fractured ribs on the upper part of the right side, and two fractured ribs on the lower part of the right side.

In addition there was a complete rupture of the liver, it being torn completely across. He also sustained a fracture across the base of the skull, and died from multiple injuries and shock.

Conflicting Evidence.

In reply to a question by Mr. A. S. C. Brooks, who appeared for the owners of the lorry, witness said there was no trace of alcohol in the stomach.

An Indian policeman who gave evidence said the front part of the rear side of the lorry struck the man, and he was knocked found and then fell on the ground. Witness estimated the speed of the lorry at about 20 miles an hour and said that the lorry pulled up about 15 yards from the spot where the man was knocked down.

The driver of the lorry estimated his speed at about eight miles an hour, and said he was able to pull up in a few yards. The men were playing about in the road.

Evidence was also given which showed that the brakes of the lorry were in good working order. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and exonerated the driver from blame. They added a rider to the effect that they recommended the police should insist on a device on lorries which would limit their speed.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR
CALENDARS.**FIRST OF THE SEASON'S
SCROLLS.

Fairies And Fishermen.

"A carp may at a single leap ascend the Dragon Gate and become a dragon," says an old Chinese proverb. And so the fairies who ride dragons are said also to ride carp. Hence the carp is looked upon as a sacred fish spelling good luck and foretelling good fortune and prosperity. The carp, either alive or in picture, takes a prominent part in welcoming the God of Wealth during the Chinese New Year festivities, and lucky is the merchant or politician who may happen to have a small pond on his premises which he may stock with carp, thus to entice his way the spirit of good fortune at all times, and especially at the dawn of a new year.

A portrait of a carp attributed to Tang Ying, the famous artist of the latter part of the Ming Dynasty, who lived over 500 years ago, has been reproduced in the artist's true colours, deeply softened inks, delicate gold tones with light gradations predominating, a work of art especially pleasing and denoting what is possible for an apt hand to do with such a common subject as a fish. The carp is leaping the waves by moonlight and the picture might well be titled, "The Birth of the Dragon," the clever artist having seemingly caught his subject in the very act of mounting the Dragon Gate, for sprouting horns are seen glistening in the golden moonrays.

These pictures are issued in lieu of the conventional calendar by the proprietors of the Fisherman brand of cod-liver-oil (Scott's), and a limited supply has been placed in the hands of local dispensaries for distribution to those who buy the preparation advertised, and who may also be lovers of the art of old China. Messrs. Shewan, Tomes are local agents for Scott and Bowne.

POSITION IN EUROPE.MR. BALDWIN REVIEWS
BRITAIN'S WORK.

More Hopeful Outlook.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

In his speech in London last night, prior to his departure for Scotland, the Prime Minister dealt with the record of the Government during the past year, and laid special emphasis on questions of local and national economy.

He said that the past year had witnessed a notable advance in the European situation. The Dawes plan had achieved an initial success. It was of the greatest importance, because it marked in Germany a definite achievement of two things—a balanced budget and stabilized currency. For the moment German business was finding itself embarrassed by a not unimportant credit stringency, and they were face to face now with their own problem of unemployment. All hoped that this would pass, because it was realised now that we do not want poor neighbours but prosperous neighbours, if the commerce of Europe is to progress.

In France, conditions to-day exhibited a sharp contrast. There had been a considerable decline in the exchange value of the franc, and this was giving French industry a new, though he believed a temporary, advantage in many competitive markets.

Temporary Dislocation.

Britain had found in iron, steel and coal what this meant, but their hope was that so far as they were concerned dislocation ought to be temporary.

In Italy the past year had been one of steady progress, and activity. General satisfaction had been caused by her settlement with America on liberal terms, of her debt. He had every hope that the negotiations now proceeding between Italy and Britain may be brought to a successful issue. Perhaps the culminating point in the appreciation of Britain's political stock abroad was reached last month, when the Treaty of Locarno was sealed in London. He was only too well aware that the spirit of Locarno had to be translated into continuous action, but it was in that spirit that they had sent Lord C. to Geneva to take part in the Disarmament Conference. The Government realised the difficulty of that problem, but all were pledged by the treaty to attempt it with sincerity and with frankness.—*British Wireless.*

Y. M. C. A. DEBATE.SHOULD BACHELORS BE
TAXED?

The first debate to be held at the new European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, proved an undoubted success last night. The subject discussed was, "Should bachelors be taxed?" and the rival partisans brought forth lucid and telling points to demonstrate their opinions.

The Rev. T. B. Powell opened the argument in favour of additional taxation for bachelors, while Dr. G. W. Hollings led the argument against the proposal. There were able seconders on both sides, and the members present participated in the discussion. Many of the speeches were characterised by bright, humorous passages, and even ancient history was brought forward to substantiate the arguments of those in favour of taxation for bachelors.

When the vote came to be taken, those in the affirmative were heavily beaten, the figures being: In favour, 12; against 27.

**NEW AMERICAN
GUNBOATS.**CHINESE GOVERNMENT CON-
CERN TO BUILD SIX.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Although in excess of the offers of two well-known British yards here, the tender of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works, (a Chinese Government concern) to build the six new American gunboats, which the construction congress recently authorised, at \$154,000 per vessel, has been accepted.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company tendered G.\$107,500 and the New Engineering and Ship-building Works tendered \$184,000.—*Reuter.*

INTERNATIONAL RADIO.S. O. S. AND EARTHQUAKE
INTERFERENCES.

Successful Opening Night.

New York, Jan. 26.

Despite interferences caused by S.O.S. calls from the British steamer *Laristan*, which was being abandoned off Halifax, and which caused all American stations to suspend transmissions until 10.30 at night, and by an earthquake which caused fading, last night's opening of the third international broadcasting test was declared by the Radio Week committee to have been a greater success than the first night of last year's Radio Week.

At least twelve hundred listeners are already known to have heard the music broadcasted from England.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH RAILWAY DISPUTE.HOW STRIKE WAS
AVERTED.

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The railwaymen's decision to accept the award of the National Wages Board was carried at last night's meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen, by forty-one votes to thirty-six. The issue was a straight one, and non-acceptance of the award would have involved the Union in a strike, for the railway companies at a conference held earlier in the day had made it clear that they intended to give effect to the Board's decision. The reply of the companies to the men's representations stated, that they themselves had been intensely disappointed at the finding of the Board, in view of the financial condition of their undertakings. It added that the unions had brought forward no new considerations, and that to re-open the case would strike at the root of collective bargaining.

Railwaymen's Leader Satisfied.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech last night, declared that he was satisfied he had not made a mistake in advocating peace. A railway strike would definitely have put back the clock at a time when the country had passed through the worst stages of depression, and when there were prospects of prosperity reviving.

He added that he was proud he had succeeded in his pacific endeavours, for he believed he had done the right thing for the railwaymen and for the country.—*British Wireless.*

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Peking, Jan. 26.

The Russian embassy states that M. Ivanov has been released and a satisfactory agreement regarding the transportation of Chinese military forces has been reached between Chang Tso-lin and the Soviet Consul-General at Mukden.

According to Russian reports, a Chang Tso-lin-Soviet agreement was signed at Mukden on Sunday night, as follows:

Firstly, the release of M. Ivanov and others; secondly, the restoration of normal traffic; thirdly, the cost of Chinese military transportation shall be paid from China's share of the Chinese Eastern Railway profits; fourthly, military transportation shall be in accordance with the railway's regulations; fifthly, compensation shall be paid for damages and losses to the railway through the recent incident, and also other claims shall be considered later.—*Reuter.*

TARDY JURYMAN.FINED FOR BEING LATE AT
DEATH INQUIRY.

Mr. E. M. Eca, who had been summoned as a juryman for a death inquiry which was conducted at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday, had not arrived when the inquiry was opened.

He arrived in Court ten minutes later, and when asked by the Coroner why he was not present at the time fixed for the inquiry, he said he had been delayed by missing a ferry from Kowloon.

Major Willson said he should have taken steps to ensure that he would be at the Court, on time, and fined Mr. Eca \$10.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAM.

[BY "WANDERER"]

Most people who fancy themselves at putting odds and ends together, making hash, or fitting jig-saw puzzles, have during the past few days made an attempt to pick the Interport football team, to visit Shanghai, and the ideas in some cases are really amazing, to say the least. The player who has been "honoured" by his inclusion in one of these particular fancy sides, cannot of course be condemned for the fact, but he deserves no sympathy if he goes round bragging about it.

The job of the Interport selection committee this evening is not quite so difficult as the mention of jig-saw puzzles would infer. They have the material at their disposal if it is used in the right way.

It would suggest that the question of the goalkeeper and backs has already been decided. It would be invidious to go into the merits and demerits of Clark and Rodger, but if one places them on a parity for all else, Clark must be the goalkeeper because he could get a ball which would be six or seven inches out of Rodger's reach.

The two most capable backs in the Colony are "Paddy" Wynne and Frank Wheeler. It is a little unfortunate that both are right backs, but it is difficult to understand why a number of different players have been suggested for left back, when Wynne has signified his willingness to cross over to allow the inclusion of Wheeler. Surely no one will suggest that Wheeler is not worth his place in the team; it will be a great mistake if he merely goes as a reserve.

In the half-back line the problem is a pleasurable one in the respect that it is that we have four men of high standard for the wing-half positions. Mitchell played a wonderful game at right-half in the second half of Saturday's trial and presuming he maintains that form to-day on the Club ground, he must be preferred to Leung Yik-tong. This is having consideration for the likelihood that the going will be heavy at Shanghai.

McKelvie and Bristowe will play to-day for the left-half position. Bristowe did not give of his best on Saturday; he was hurt early on, I am given to understand. McKelvie's principal claim lies in his experience and in his knowledge of Sims. For I am presuming that Sims will be the centre-half. Sims has no equal in the Colony as an attacking half, and in defence there are few who anticipate in the same spontaneous manner. Sims' interceptions are often so clever that they give the impression that the ball went to him instead of vice versa. I saw somewhere a comparison of his fitness with that of Jimmy Stewart, but that is merely humorous to those who know Sims. The Club won't hear that Sims is a better player than Jimmy Stewart, but while admitting that the difference in their standard is largely one of finish, I think Jimmy will have to give way. Of course if Stewart is selected he will go to Shanghai with our every confidence that he will do his capable utmost to justify his inclusion.

In the course of the many brass-rail debates on the forward line, which admittedly presents a formidable problem, much has been said in regard to the probabilities that the ground will be heavy, and the comments have been directed principally to the outside right position. But if this point has to be considered in respect of one position, it must be considered in respect of all. One wonders how Gosano, for instance, would take to the heavy going.

Humberstone, too, has been adversely commented upon, but I would quote the words of a Hong-kong back who is more than likely to be a member of the side. He said "I want to see Humberstone out against players who don't know his play." There you have the position in a nutshell. Humberstone has five pet methods of evading the defence, each is artistry; you have to think seriously before

SCOTTISH CUP.

RESULT OF RE-PLAYS.

London, Jan. 26.
The following are results of replays in the Scottish Cup competition:—

Johnstone 0 Solway Star 3
Broxburn 0 Hibernians 1
—Reuter.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE MATCH.

Hawkins, Dockyard, and Defence Corps.

A triangular match was shot off at Tai Kok Range on Sunday and resulted in a win for H.M.S. Hawkins against H.M. Dockyard and the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The scores were as follows:—

Name	200	500	600	Total
A. B. L. Ring	29	30	30	89
P. O. A. C. Thomas	27	31	28	86
"H. Shenton	26	32	28	86
"A. Lewry	25	30	29	84
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	30	25	29	84
L. S. S. Trowbridge	31	31	21	83
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	24	29	23	76

Plus 6% for open sights 41
Total 717

Name	200	500	600	Total
Mr. W. Garrett	27	31	28	86
"W. Cook	29	33	24	86
"J. Jefford	27	27	31	85
"F. Young	27	26	27	80
"E. Edwards	25	30	25	80
"A. Worth	25	27	28	78
"W. Latham	23	23	30	76
"S. Wickenden	23	29	19	71

Plus 6% for open sights 4
Total 622

H.M.S. Hawkins won by 70 and 62 points.
Aperture sights.

FANLING HOUNDS.

SATURDAY'S MEET.

We are asked to state that the meet of Fanling hounds on Saturday will be at the stables at Kwanti, at 10.30 a.m. and not at Sheung Shui Police Station, as previously announced.

tackling him; and if he is given a chance to get in his shot, the goalkeeper is speedily aware of the fact. I suggested a team some weeks ago. In the interim it has not suffered any change except in the half-back line.

My team would be:—
Clark;
Wheeler;
Wynne;
Mitchell;
Sims;
McKelvie (or Bristowe);
Charlesworth;
Gosano;
Humberstone;
Butler;
Mackelworth (or Hayes).

The "ors" are entirely dependent on this afternoon's trial.
The teams for the game to-day are as follows:
Colours: — Clark; Wheeler, Xavier; Mitchell, Sims, McKelvie; Charlesworth, Humberstone, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun and Hayes.

Waites: — Rodger; Wynne, Bishop; Leung Yuk-tong, Stewart, Bristowe; Taylor, Palford, Howard, Butler and Mackelworth.
The colours have the better eleven on paper, but, of course, the result is of secondary importance.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,060 b.
Chartered, £213 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £291 n.
Mercantile C., £134 n.
P. and O., £91 n.
East Asia, \$35 n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$590 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.25 n.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$253 b.
Yangtze, \$35 b.

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Hongkong Fire, \$600 s.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$33 s.
Steamboats, \$24 s.
Tugs, \$44 n.
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Shell Trans., 97/- n.
Star Ferries, \$55 s.
Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$31 s.
Malabons, \$48 n.

Mining.
Benguet, \$150 n. ex. div.
Kailans, 44/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 30 s.
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Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
Raub, \$5.80 s.
Tronoh, 55/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$123 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$574 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 165 n.
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Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$74 b.
H.K. Lands, \$62 s.
Realty, \$5 b.
Territorials, \$6 b.
Humphreys, \$137 n.
Princes Bldgs, \$150 n.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.
Ewos, Tls. 91 s.
Orientals, Tls. 3 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 58 s.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$10.75 b.
Canton Ice, \$74 n.
Cements, \$15.50 b.
China Buses, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$12 s.
China Prov., \$8 s.
Constructions, \$3.00 b.
Dairy Farms, \$171 s.
Der A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electrics, \$51 n.
Macao Electrics, \$40 n.
Developments, 30 cents, b.
Ropes, \$40 s.
Tramways, \$21 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$124 n.
Mackintosh, \$212 n.
Peak Trams, \$17 b.
Sincors, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$4 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons (Old), \$121 b.
Watsons (New), \$123 b.
Powells, \$12 s.

FRENCH PROBLEMS.

CHAMBER RESUMES DEBATE.

Paris, Jan. 26.
The Chamber has again discussed the financial projects. General opinion is that the Government will not intervene decisively before next week.

On the initiative of M. Herriot, a meeting of vice-presidents, treasurers and secretaries of the Chamber was held in the morning to draw up the basis of a plan of the reorganisation of Parliamentary work which will then be submitted for the approval of the group boards.

The union of big French Associations has made an appeal to the communes, federations and groups of corporations for agreement so that the country may secure financial liberation.—*Indopacif.*

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Paris, Jan. 26.
At a meeting of Ministers, M. Daniel Vincent set forth the conditions of collaboration in the Franco-German economic negotiations. At the end of the meeting, M. Doumer declared that he hoped that the discussion would not continue indefinitely, as the hour for a solution had arrived.—*Indopacif.*

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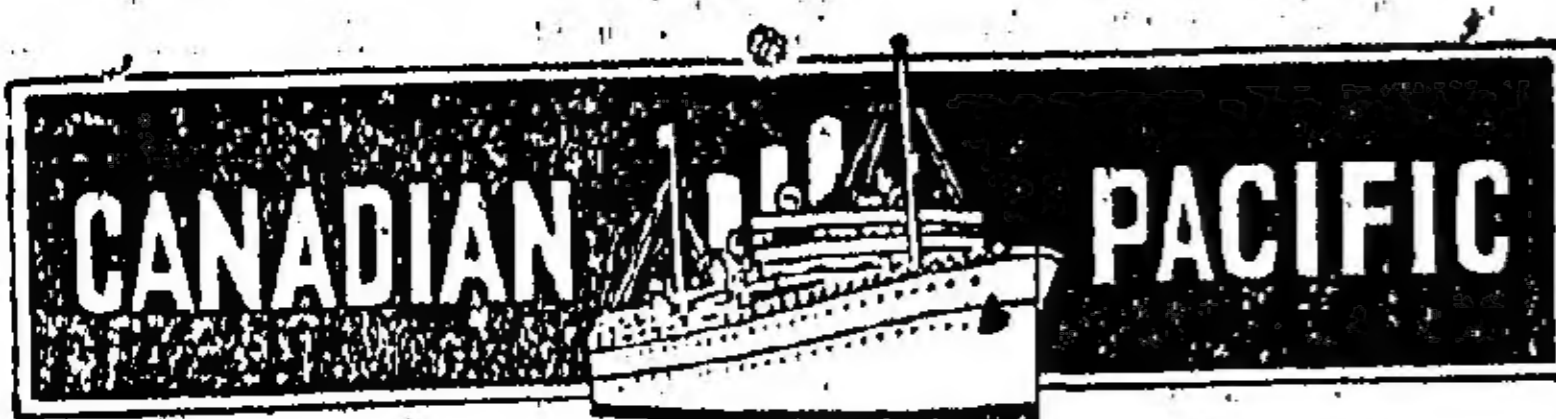
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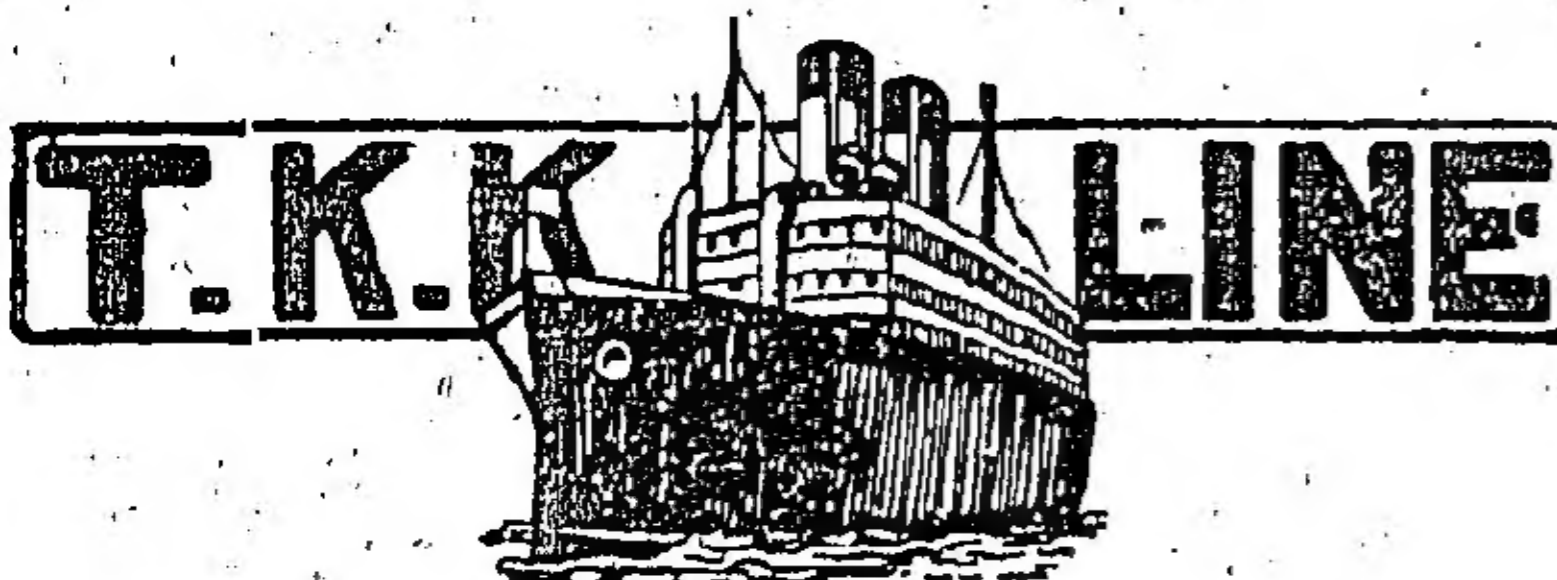
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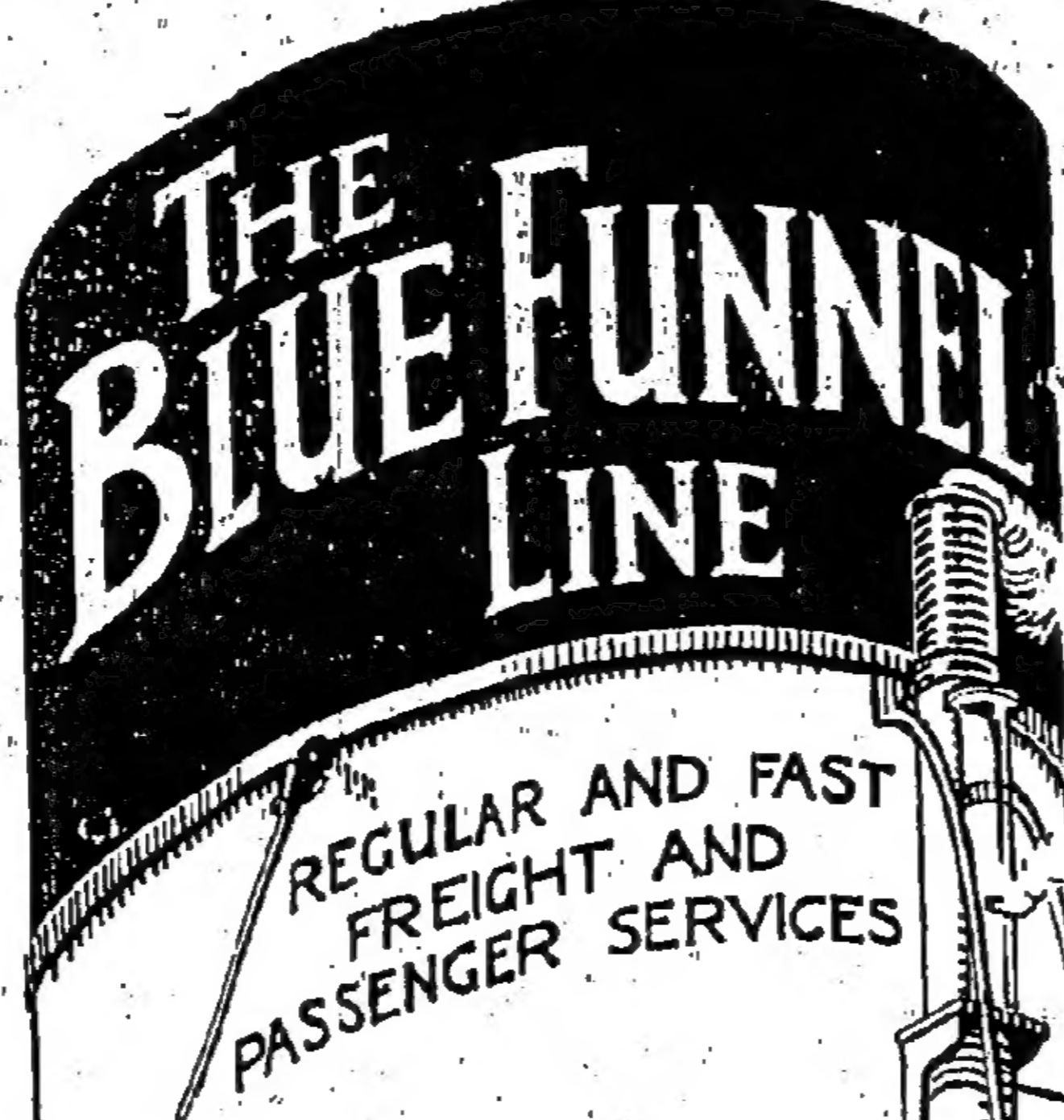
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"EUMAEUS" 9th Feb. Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg
"AUTOMEDON" 23rd Feb. Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg
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"PERSEUS" 9th Mar. Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg

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"LAOMEDON" 4th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
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Destination.	Steamer.	Sailings.
STRAITS & Calcutta.....	Fooksang	Wed. 27th Jan. at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via S'hai.....	Yusang	Thurs. 28th Jan. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta.....	Kwaisang	Thurs. 28th Jan. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN.....	Mausang	Fri. 29th Jan. at 2 p.m.
TSIENTSIN via Shanghai.....	Fu-sang	Sun. 31st Jan. at 7 a.m.
KOBE via Moji.....	Yusang	Tues. 2nd Feb. at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta.....	Namsang	Tues. 2nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi.....	Leesang	Wed. 10th Feb. at 10 a.m.
KOBE via S'hai.....	Fooksang	Wed. 10th Feb. at 4 p.m.

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EARLY MORNING FIRE.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK IN
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Central Fire Station was called by the Wing Lok Street fire alarm at 8.15 yesterday morning to attend an outbreak at premises occupied by a dealer in birds' nests and other Chinese comestibles. The fire boat was also despatched to Wing Lok Street wharf, but the shore equipment was able to cope with the fire, and at 4.30, with three motor pumps in use, the blaze was under control. The entire contents of the three floors which comprised the building, were burnt out and the roof has fallen in. The walls, however, remain standing. There was no loss of life or injury to persons on the premises.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising that the rubber market is quiet and that raw rubber is quoted at \$1.08 per lb. They also quote the following prices:

	Straits.
Ayer Panas	\$14 7/8
Glencoles	2.70
Bulgowines	5.25
Jinaha	2.25
Kedah	4.00
Lunas	17.00
Malaka Pindas	2.90
Malakoff	5.05
Nov Serendang	4.75
Pajamas	14.25
Sandyorots	4.25

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 9 a.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 26th instant at Noon will be subject to rent and lading charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday, the 29th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 26th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No fire insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSER

Agent.

Hongkong 20th, Jan., 1926.

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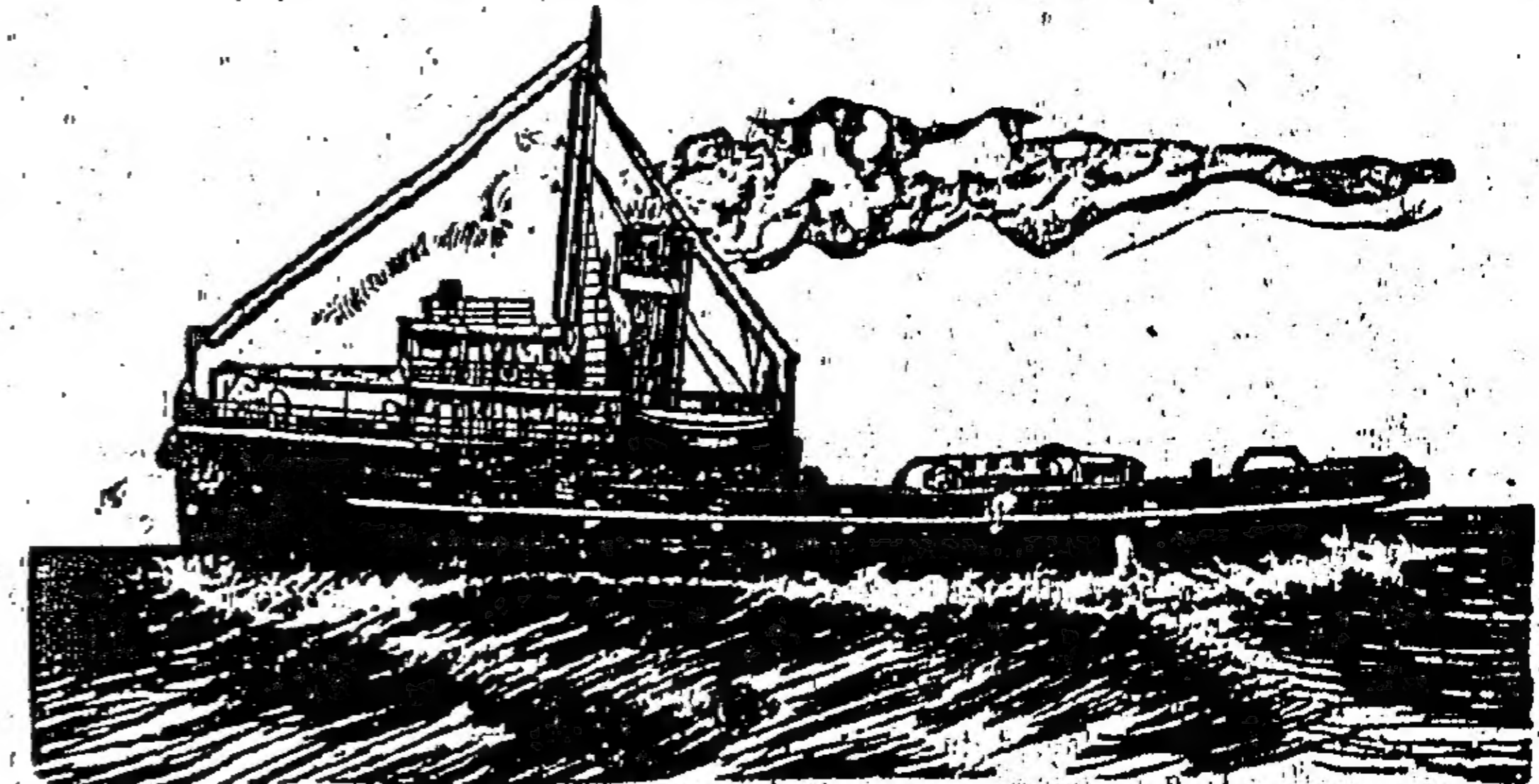
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ALIPORE	5,273	2 Feb. 4 p.m.	Singapore & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb. noon	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MIRZAPUR	6,715	18th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KARMA	9,128	20th Feb.	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
NAOPORE	5,283	2nd March	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MANTAI	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAIR	8,985	18th March	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	Marseilles & London
MOBEA	10,918	3rd April	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
MACDONIA	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles & London

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TALAMA	8,018	22nd Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	3rd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
TANDA	6,958	3rd March	Island, Townsville, B'bane.
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MANTUA	10,902	6th Feb.	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,805	6th Feb.	S'hai & Kobe
TANDA	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yoka.
TALMA	10,000	17th Feb.	Kobe

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GLENGARRY	4th Mar.	GLENSHIRE	18th Feb.
GLENSHANE	23rd Mar.	GLENIFFER	9th Mar.
GLENAPP	1st April	GLENAMOY	9th Mar.
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S.S. "CITY OF RANGOON"	via Suez Canal	16th Feb.
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MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Feb at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Mar.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON ... ANAMA.

CALCUTTA MARU ... Tuesday, 2nd Feb.

TAKEOTOYO MARU ... Saturday, 20th Feb.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town

KAMAKURA MARU ... End of Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

HAKATA MARU ... Wednesday, 10th Feb.

WAKARA MARU ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

KANGAWA MARU ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... Wednesday, 17th Jan.

TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 27th Jan at 5 p.m.

EUWA MARU ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

FADO MARU ... Saturday, 30th Jan.

NAGANO MARU ... Tuesday, 2nd Feb.

TOBA MARU ... Monday, 8th Feb.

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